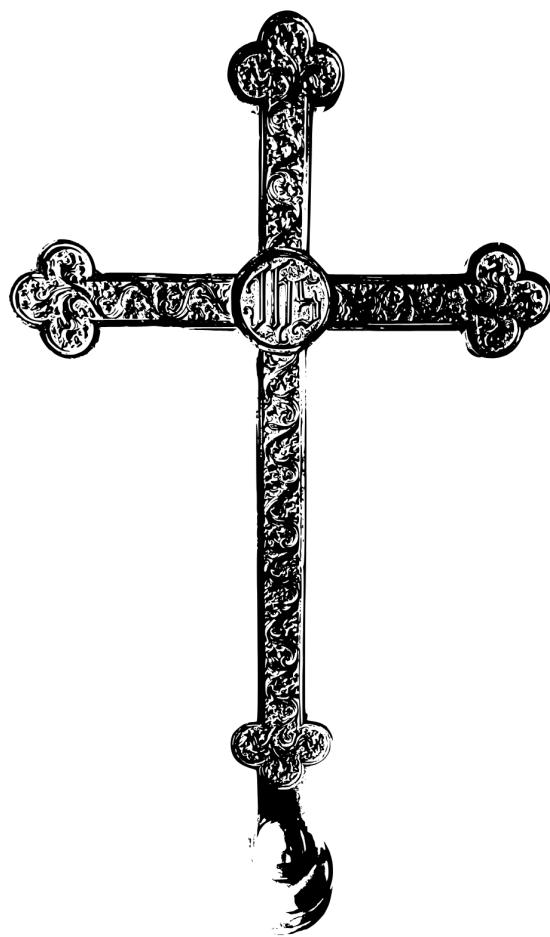


ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE PIONEER CHURCH OF WYOMING



HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE I

WEDNESDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT
March 26, 2025 | 5:30 PM



WELCOME

FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel

Dear Friends,

Lent is a season for turning back to God – a time to reflect, repent, and renew our hearts. As we walk this road together, I hope that you will join us following tonight’s service for our Community Supper, where all are welcome to share in good food and fellowship. You are also invited to take part in our forum on Women in Scripture at 6:30 PM in the Guild Room, where we will explore the stories of women in the Bible – their faith, their struggles, and what they can teach us today.

In this holy season, we pray with the words of the Psalmist:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:11)

Lent gives us the space to ask for that renewal – to open ourselves to God’s grace and to walk in faith. Whether through prayer, study, or simply sharing a meal together, I hope you’ll find ways to draw close to God and to this community during this holy season.

Blessings,

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel
Rector, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

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THE WORD OF GOD

A Penitential Order (standing)

BCP 319

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.
Matthew 22:37-40

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Please kneel.

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

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song of Praise (standing) *Kyrie eleison*

BCP 324

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day (standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give ear to our prayers, O Lord, and direct the way of your servants in safety under your protection, that, amid all the changes of our earthly pilgrimage, we may be guarded by your mighty aid; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (seated)

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,5-9

Reader: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (seated, read responsively by whole verse)

Psalm 78:1–6, *Attendite, popule*

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

**We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.**

He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;

**That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

The Gospel (standing)

Matthew 5:17–19

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon (seated)

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel

The Apostles' Creed (standing, said by all)

BCP 53

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.***

The Prayers of the People (standing)

ICP 162

Celebrant: In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer, saying:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all the holy people of God, that we may heed the God who calls us
to repentance in the events of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this nation and all the nations of the world, that we may live in
harmony and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those enslaved in body or in spirit, that God may come to rescue
them and grant them freedom, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this community, that during this holy season God's grace may
produce in us the fruit God seeks, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own needs and those of others, that God will not allow us to be tested beyond our strength, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those on the St. Mark's prayer list, for St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church in Saratoga, for the Diocese of Mara in Tanzania; for the greens on the altar, given to the glory of God; and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God, ever faithful and true, from of old you have revealed yourself as one who will be with your people to save them. Be with us in our times of need, now and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace (standing)

BCP 332

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread (kneeling, said by all)

BCP 337

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

All: **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Prayer of Humble Access (kneeling, said by all)

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for Communion. Those wishing to receive a prayer or blessing are encouraged to come to the altar rail, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate a blessing. Please inform the priest at the altar rail if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

The Post-Communion Prayer (kneeling, said by all)

BCP 339

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Solemn Prayer (kneeling)

BOS 13

Celebrant: Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal (standing)

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after tonight's service for a simple Community Supper and our Forum on Women in Scripture (Guild Room). Thank you to the St. Mark's Vestry for graciously hosting the supper, and thank you to Anna-Claire Musick for leading the forum. All are welcome!

The foregoing text of the worship service contained in this order of worship is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The Book of Common Prayer alone is of authority in the worship of the Episcopal Church. This program is provided for convenience of use on this occasion.

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

MORNING PRAYER

Join us for Morning Prayer every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 AM during Lent. Start your day with quiet reflection, scripture, and prayer in the beauty of our sanctuary.
Next: **April 1 & 3**

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Each Wednesday evening, we will gather for a Rite I Eucharist at 5:30 PM, a time to center ourselves in worship and prayer. Following the service, you are invited to join our Community Supper beginning at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall, offering a warm meal and fellowship. This year, we will host a Forum on Women in Scripture at 6:30 PM in the Guild Room, led by Anna-Claire Musick. Come for the Eucharist, the Supper, the Forum - or all three! Next: **April 2**

YOGA EUCHARIST

Join us for a heart-centered yoga practice combined with Holy Communion. No experience needed – just bring a yoga mat and firm blanket (or borrow one of ours). Yoga Eucharist meets every second Thursday at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Enter through Kingham Walkway. Next session: **April 10**

YOUTH GROUP

All middle and high school youth are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, and community! We meet in the Parish Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for games, discussion, and time together. Our next gathering is **April 6**. Bring a friend and come be part of the fun!

GIRLFRIENDS UNLIMITED

LIT 'N' LATTE

The Girlfriends Unlimited book club meets in the Wildflower Room (3rd Floor) of the Laramie County Library from 3:00 - 4:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Upcoming Dates: **April 14 & 28**

SEW & SEWS

Gather with fellow crafters for friendship, creativity, and fun. Join us every third Wednesday from 11 AM to 1:30 PM in the Sew & Sews Room (downstairs). Bring your lunch and any fiber art project. Next gathering: **April 16**

GAB (GIRLFRIENDS ADVISORY BOARD)

The GAB Team meets every second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 Noon in the Sew & Sews room. Anyone is welcome to join! The GAB Team will not meet in April. Next meeting: **May 14**



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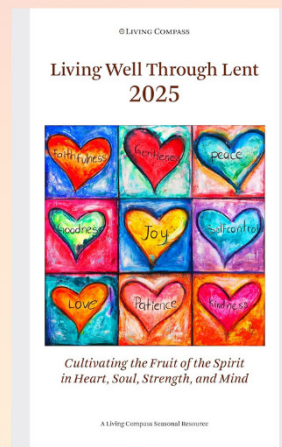


Living Compass Lenten Study

As has been our tradition for many years, Kathy Keck and Chris Van Burgh will once again offer a Living Compass Lenten study. The focus of our 6-week journey will be "Cultivating the Fruits of the Spirit." We will explore joy, peace, generosity, patience, love, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. These qualities are considered the bedrock of living a Christian life. What better time than Lent to self-reflect, cultivate, and grow?

We will meet in the Guild Room from 12:10 - 1:10 p.m. every Monday beginning March 17th and ending April 21st. Class booklets are free of charge and will be available in the back of the sanctuary beginning March 2, 2025. Prior to class on the 17th, we would ask that you read pages 14-29. We will begin class discussion from that point forward.

We look forward to your presence!

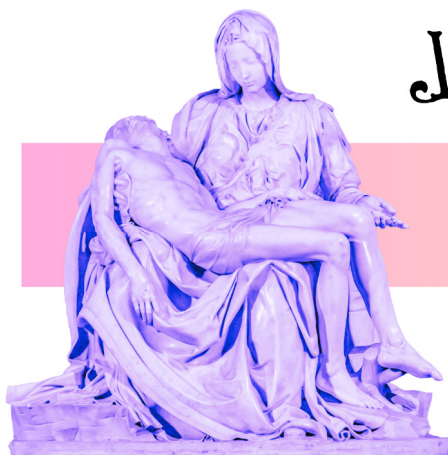


PALM CROSS MAKING

THURSDAY,
APRIL 10, 2025

GUILD ROOM

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM



WOMEN OF THE PASSION

Join us for a unique Lenten journey as we experience Christ's Passion through the voices of women in Scripture. Their stories, woven into the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross, reveal lives transformed by their encounters with Jesus.

Led by Girlfriends Unlimited
Saturday, April 12
1:00 PM

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 13

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Holy Monday, April 14

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

7:00 PM - 12:00 Noon All Night Vigil

Good Friday, April 18

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Good Friday Service

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:30 AM The Liturgy of Holy Saturday

Great Vigil of Easter, April 19

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 20

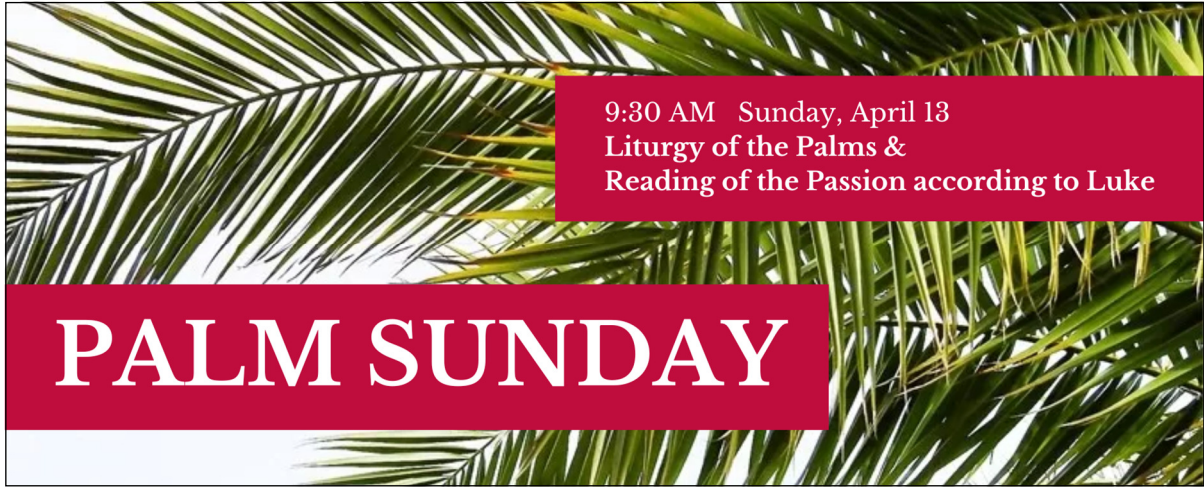
6:00 AM Sunrise Service: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

11:00 AM Festival Eucharist, Rite II

12:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt & Visit from the Easter Bunny





9:30 AM Sunday, April 13
Liturgy of the Palms &
Reading of the Passion according to Luke

PALM SUNDAY



Darkness Falls - Hope Remains.

Join us for Tenebrae - a solemn, chanted service of scripture and extinguished light as we prepare for the Passion of our Lord.

Wednesday, April 16
5:30 PM

TENEBRAE



MAUNDY THURSDAY



“Maundy” comes from the Latin *mandatum* - meaning “commandment.” On this holy night, we remember Jesus’ command to love one another. Join us for foot washing, the commemoration of the Last Supper, and the solemn Stripping of the Altar.

APRIL 17, 2025
5:30 PM



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