



10:00 a.m. The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021

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## The Word of God

### **Prelude**

Chorale Prelude on "O Gott, Du Frommer Gott"  
*O God, Thou Faithful God*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

### **Candle Lighting**

We light this candle as a symbol of our faith that the good news of God that Jesus proclaimed will be with us in the wilderness. *Amen.*

### **Acclamation And Opening Sentence**

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.*

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.

### **Confession Of Sin And Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*God of all mercy,*

*we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.*

*We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.*

*We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,*

*and the evil done on our behalf.*

*Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,*

*that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

### Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, I have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

### The Collect Of The Day

God be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



<sup>5</sup> Remember, O Lord, your com-/passion ' and / love, \*  
for they are from / ev'er-/lasting.

<sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and / my ' trans-/gressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your / goodness, ' O / Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright / is ' the / Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners / in ' his / way.

<sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in / do'ing / right \*  
and teaches his / way to ' the / lowly.

<sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are / love ' and / faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant / and ' his / testimonies.

## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:18-22

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

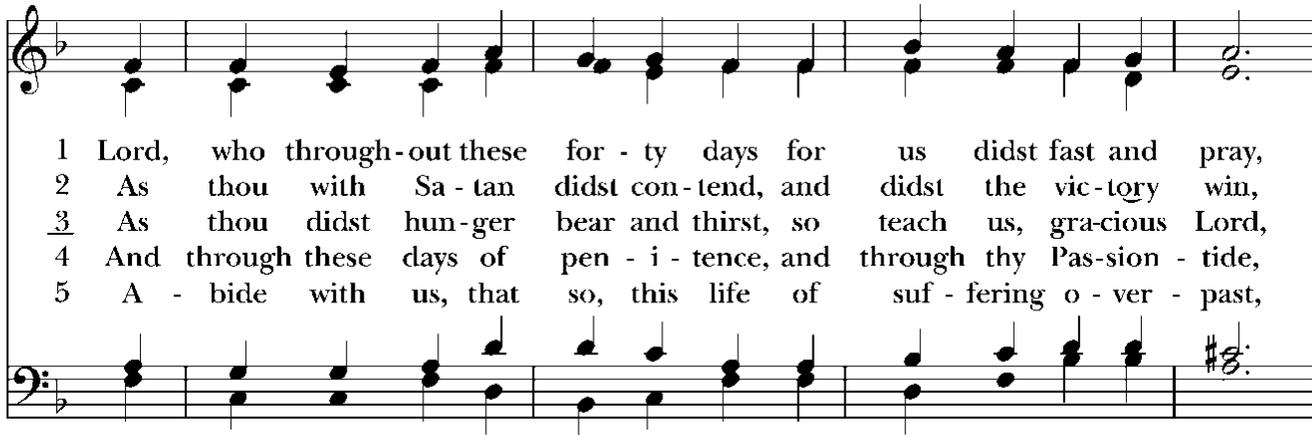
Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

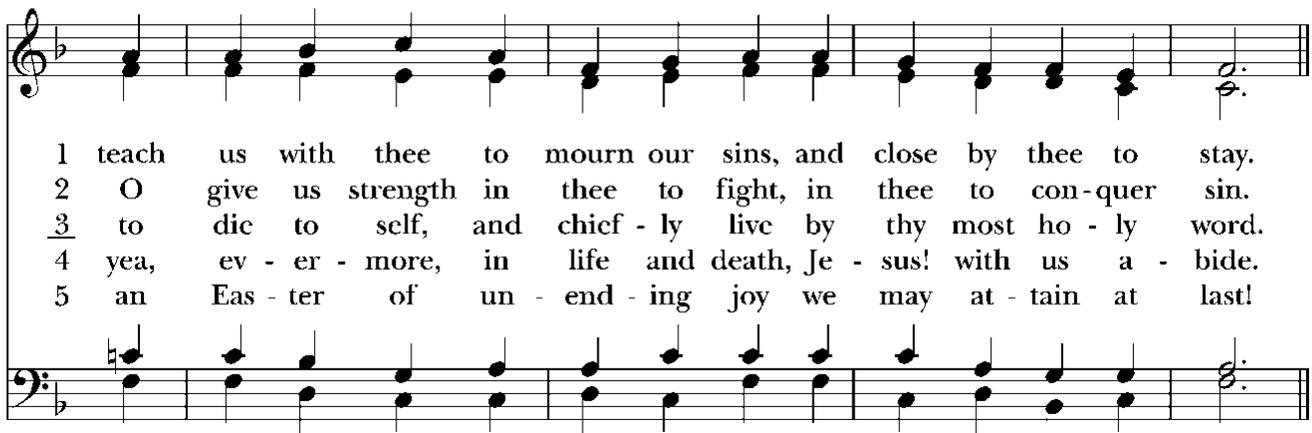
*Thanks be to God.*

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, #142



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
3 to dic to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of our Savior.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Reflection

The Rev. Marguerite Judson

## The Nicene Creed

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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 and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

### **Prayers Of The People**

O God, in your great compassion, look favorably upon the prayers of your people.

Hear our prayers for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Lead us in the way of love. In your goodness,  
*renew us.*

Hear our prayers for the people of the world. May all leaders resist deceit, injustices and oppression and be lavish in their rightful judgement. We pray for our world, especially (N.) In your faithfulness,  
*strengthen us.*

Hear our prayers for those who live in poverty and have no choice but to fast every day, for the homeless, refugees and victims of violence and oppression. You crossed the boundaries of heaven and earth to be among your people. In your righteousness,  
*restore us.*

Hear our prayers for those who are hurting in mind, body or spirit. We pray for suffering from disease, illness, isolation and depression and for those who have asked for our prayers (N.) In your compassion,  
*heal us.*

Hear our prayers for those who have died and have entered into your abiding peace, especially (N.) Comfort those who loved and now mourn them and wipe away their every tear. In your mercy,  
*transform us.*

Hear our prayers for all of us gathered together today that we all might grow closer to you during this season of Lent. Create in us a clean heart, and bring forth a new springtime of faith in our lives. In your graciousness,  
*revive us.*

Hear our prayers of gratitude for all the blessings of our lives. We give thanks for (N.)  
In your abiding love,  
*awaken us.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:  
Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare  
not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

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.

### **Children's Choir Musical Offering**

When Jesus Wept

William Billings (1746-1800)

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

### **Greeting And Announcements**

#### **General Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son our  
Savior Jesus Christ and together we have dwelled upon your Word. Send us now into  
the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with  
gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Closing Prayer**

Let us bow our heads before God.

Look with compassion, O Holy One, upon us your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, we may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Postlude**

Litanies

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

*"When, in its distress, the Christian soul can find no more words to implore the mercy of God, it repeats, times without end, the same fierce-faithed prayer. Reason reaches its limits and only belief can chase its flight." - Score inscription by Alain*

# Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

## *Welcome Visitors And Guests*

February 21, 2021

Thank you for worshipping with us. The community of St. Mary's is gathering online in many days and ways throughout the week while we are sheltering-in-place. Strengthening our community and serving our neighbors is more important than ever in these challenging times. To learn more about the variety of our offerings, please email [office@smvsf.org](mailto:office@smvsf.org) and we will stay in touch with you!

Please enjoy our online offerings from children, youth, and adults.

We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you

### **9 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE ON ZOOM**

St. Mary's warmly welcomes you to our weekly virtual family worship service at 9 a.m.

Please join using the link found in Highlights or email The Rev. Marguerite Judson at [marguerite@smvsf.org](mailto:marguerite@smvsf.org), or Ashley Ryan at [ashley@smvsf.org](mailto:ashley@smvsf.org) for access.

We have a [new songbook](#) for the 9:00 zoom service. If you find it helpful, please print the booklet so that you can join us in song during our worship.

### **ANNOUNCING WILL LONG AS THE JUNIOR WARDEN**

Originally from North Carolina and the son of a Presbyterian minister, I was raised in the church. My early education included a year abroad in the 5th grade while my Dad did graduate work in theology in Edinburgh, Scotland. I graduated from Davidson College in Economics, with summer work at St. Anne's Oxford, and then received my MBA in Finance from UNC-Chapel Hill.

After working in corporate lending at Wachovia Bank, I moved to Washington, D.C. where I worked in Finance for Intelsat, an international satellite technology firm. I met my partner, Ray Hahn, about 25 years ago, who established his dental practice in the Virginia suburbs. We joined St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., where we were drawn to its strong community, outreach and active Christian education programs. We were both active as leaders in youth and adult education. I served on the Endowment Board, and became an Elder after co-directing the adult and youth Christian education programs.

We moved to San Francisco in 2013, where I joined Charles Schwab at their headquarters, supporting executive groups in Enterprise Finance with budgeting, forecasting and business evaluations. Ray and I joined St. Mary's soon after moving here. We were drawn to St. Mary's by its close community and diversity. At our first parish retreat, we agreed to become chalice bearers. We also co-lead the adult Lenten Series in the spring of 2016. Ray and I were married that same year and live in the Lone

Mountain neighborhood near USF. We regularly attend the 11 a.m. services. I am looking forward to serving on the Vestry of St. Mary's and continuing to contribute to such a strong community.

The junior warden of the vestry is often referred to as the "people's warden" because the position serves as a point of contact between the parish and the vestry. Ideas, questions, concerns, and suggestions for the vestry may be submitted at [vestry@smvsf.org](mailto:vestry@smvsf.org).

### **OUTDOOR WORSHIP GATHERINGS IN SMALL GROUPS**

St. Mary's is delighted to revive our small group Morning Prayer services at 10:15 on Sundays. In recognition of Improved public health indicators, groups of up to 20 people will gather for worship in St. Mary's Outer Courtyard. Groups of up to 30 people will gather in the Presidio.

Registration for each service is essential and can be made on our in-person worship service registration website [HERE](#). Please register by 2:00pm on Friday for that Sunday's service.

The service will be led by a layperson and, in keeping with prevailing health guidelines, there is no singing/chanting and no group recitations of any part of the service. This is not a Eucharist service. Participants have greatly appreciated the opportunity to pray and reflect on scripture together. We hope you will consider, if you

are comfortable, joining one of these groups in worship.

Safety precautions will need to be maintained, which currently includes: social distancing, masks, no-touch/electronic bulletins (that will be posted on our website) and group leaders will keep attendance records of those who attend. For those meeting on campus, please note that the sanctuary, restrooms and offices remain closed.

**Cancellations:** In case of rain, or If the air quality in your location exceeds 100 Air Quality Index (AQI), services will be cancelled. We will inform registered participants via email one hour before the event to let them know the event must be cancelled.

Our virtual gatherings for the Family Service, Morning Prayer and Coffee Hour will also continue on Sundays!

### **WORSHIP SERVICES DURING LENT**

The season of Lent prepares us for Easter and offers an opportunity to re-establish or discover new practices and habits that reveal God's grace in us, both in this season and beyond. While there is a deeply personal element to Lent, it is a time best entered as a community.

Join us each Sunday morning during Lent for our worship services. Click [HERE](#) for details about our services.

The small tea light candles blessed on Candlemas and distributed to our congregation will be integrated into our Sunday worship during Lent. Please have your candle near your viewing device. If you have not received a candle and would like one, please contact The Rev. Marguerite at [marguerite@smvsf.org](mailto:marguerite@smvsf.org) and we will have one delivered to you!

### LENTEN OFFERINGS 2021

This is the time of year when we are invited to deepen our walk of faith. For many of us, that means adding a practice which brings us closer to the Holy One. Here are some options to consider for this year.

#### Daily Lenten Reading - On Your Schedule!

We invite you to get a copy of "Ashes and the Phoenix" by Len Freeman. Its brief daily reflections by a variety of authors expand on the prayers from the Book of Common Prayer and daily Scripture readings for Lent. The beautifully illustrated book is designed with space for you to respond.

And, as we did in Advent, beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17), there will be brief videos of reflection each day posted to St. Mary's YouTube channel created by different members of the congregation. [HERE](#) is the link to the videos. Fit the readings and the videos into your schedule. Get the hardcopy now for \$5.00, or download for Kindle, Nook or on iTunes.

And - depending on the day - enjoy reflections by Nancy Clark; John Hayashi; The Rev. Marguerite Judson; Donna Davidson; Hal Cranston; David Sullivan and Molly Irwin.

**God With Us in the Wilderness** is the focus of our Lenten series on four Wednesdays of Lent. Our Zoom meetings from 7:00-8:00 pm will be led by members of St. Mary's. Mark your calendars and join us [HERE](#) to learn and share together:

- Feb. 24th, Encountering God in the Wilderness, with Mike Stafford
- Mar. 3rd, Help in the Pandemic Wilderness with Alan Mata and David Crosson
- Mar. 10th, When We are the Wilderness with Sandy Stadfeld, Ashley Clark and John Hayashi
- Mar. 17th, Waking through the Wilderness of Grief and Loss with Georgia Lu and Kathleen Murray .

#### Lenten Quiet Day –

Sat. March 20th, 12:45 - 3:00pm

Pause for refreshment as we ponder **God's Grace in the Wilderness**. Gather with others for an afternoon of peaceful reflection and time for practicing the presence of God. This gathering on Zoom is sponsored by The Daughters of the King and open to everyone. Join us [HERE](#) to savor the gifts of God during Lent by exploring Biblical stories, enjoying periods of silence for personal reflection, and sharing a simple closing prayer service. The

meeting will be led by The Rev. Marguerite Judson.

### **GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19**

If you are eligible (see below for criteria), sign up for an appointment to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Please keep in mind that the supply of vaccine remains limited.

#### **Eligibility**

San Francisco is vaccinating:

- Frontline healthcare workers
- 65 years and older

#### **Supply remains limited**

Even if you are eligible, there may not be a dose available right now. Keep checking for available appointments.

#### **What to do**

The City is partnering with healthcare providers to establish high volume vaccine sites. Supply is limited, and you may not be able to book an appointment, even if you are eligible.

For more information regarding getting vaccinated please click [HERE](#).

### **ST. MARY MAGDALENE SCHOLARSHIP 2021-2022**

The St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship Fund was created by a generous bequest of a long-time parishioner of St. Mary the Virgin. This gift funds college scholarships for young women from the parish.

Scholarships will be available to young women attending college for the 2021-2022 school year. More information and 2

application forms are available on the St. Mary's website [HERE](#). One form is for new applicants and there is a different form for previous applicants who received scholarships last year. Applications will be due March 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Tatum at [ruth.tatum@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.tatum@gmail.com).

### **HOPE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

#### **ST. MARY'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021**

Even in the midst of these unprecedented times, The Holy Spirit is present sustaining us and inspiring us to be witnesses of Christ's hope for the world. Now, St. Mary's needs your partnership in continuing to be an Instrument of God's grace in the world. We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider making a meaningful pledge towards the 2021 annual campaign. Pledge packets were recently mailed out. If you did not receive one, or if you have any questions about pledging, please contact Rev. David at [david@smvsf.org](mailto:david@smvsf.org). Pledge cards may be returned to the church via the mail or you may make a pledge at <https://smvsf.org/donation>.

### **ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIRTUAL WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK (WEDNESDAYS, AND SUNDAYS)**

To see the full extent of our weekly opportunities, check out the schedule listed on our [website!](#)

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend Zoom Youth Group from 5-6pm! Follow this link to hang out with your friends, have some fun conversation, and play some games. See you there!

# *We Pray For...*

## ***PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS***

Susan Sims  
David Ostrander  
Sandy Stadtfeld  
Vicki Akin  
John  
The Spaht Family  
Patty Williams  
David  
Annette Buckmaster  
Yesenia  
Donna K. Stadtfeld

## ***CONTINUING PRAYERS***

*Prayers are offered for ongoing concerns during the Wed. 12:10 service.*

André Diedrichs  
June  
Pat Okimoto  
Dorris Howard  
Kevin Teeney  
The Community at the Heritage  
The Community of St. Francis  
San Francisco Night Ministry  
Jane  
Pete  
Quinn Charles Fay  
Erich  
Tim Eland  
Forester Davis  
Phyllis Shepherd  
Simon

## ***RECENTLY DECEASED***

Nigel Renton  
Brenda Flores Aranda  
Jean Justice McNeil  
Lindley Dodson  
Luis Alberto Zuluaga Henao  
Hati Parkinson  
Johnathan Sellers  
Douglas Kramlich  
Florence Hauser  
Edwin E. Hahn  
Theresa Kozlosky  
Peter Carneiro

## ***GLOBAL CONCERNS***

For all that have been violated by the hate crimes targeting Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

For people of color who have suffered disproportionately from the carnage of gun violence and the broken systems that obfuscate equal justice and blindly perpetrate acts of violence.

## ***THANKSGIVINGS***

For the life of prophetic witness Fredrick Douglass whose feast day we celebrate this weekend.

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