Order of Worship

Welcome
Prelude
Hymn 324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Page 138-139 Greeting and Kyrie

(we are seated)

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
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Children's Message

Page 142 *"Return to the Lord your God"*
Help in proclaiming the Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter. (2:13-22)
Glory to you, O Lord!
[*see monitors*]

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to you, O Christ!

(we are seated)
Sermon
(we stand)
Hymn
Page 234-236 Affirmation of Baptism
(we are seated)
[10:30 Anthem Hymn 808 Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song]
The Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
(communion today is served by intinction at the base of the steps)
Hymn 336 Lamb of God
Blessing, Prayer and Benediction

Hymn 705 God of Grace and God of Glory vs. 1-2

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!
Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

Artists of Poetry, Sculpting and Faith: Tomorrow, March 6 is the birthday of the **poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning,** born in Durham, England, in 1806. She eloped with the poet Robert Browning and moved to Italy, and while she's best known today for her love poetry ("How do I love thee? Let me count the ways" is one of her most famous lines), her work in Italy focused largely on social justice. Her family had owned Jamaican sugar plantations dependent on enslaved labor, and she was a committed abolitionist. She also wrote about the horrors of child labor, the Austrian occupation of Italy, and other related subjects. Here's a taste of her theology, from Aurora Leigh:

Earth's Crammed with Heaven
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes,
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries…

March 6 is also the birthday of **Michelangelo Buonarroti**, Italian sculptor, architect, and painter, born in Tuscany, Italy, in 1475. He began his career as a kind of con man, forging a sculpture in the ancient Greek style in an effort to pass it off as an expensive antique. The prospective buyer learned the truth and demanded a refund — but was so impressed with Michelangelo's skill that he invited him to Rome. The artist ended up staying, and by the end of his career, he had been commissioned by nine consecutive popes — including Pope Julius II, who commissioned the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Michelangelo once said: ***"Every block of stone has a statue inside it, and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it." "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free."***

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8:30 am		10:30 am	
Children/Youth Sundays		**Children/Youth Sundays**	
Nursery		**Nursery**	
Uzarski, Susan	Nursery	Koehler, Maggie	Nursery
Service Team		**Service Team**	
Ushers		**Ushers**	
Carter, Mike	Usher 8:30am	Barone, Dawn	Usher 10:30am
Pless, Chick	Usher 8:30am	Kraft, Jeremy	Usher 10:30am
Yeates, Bill	Usher 8:30am	**Greeters**	
Greeters		Frankos, Mike	Greeter 10:30am
Walther, Gail	Greeter 8:30am	**Lectors**	
Lectors		Altman, Melanie	Lector 10:30am
McLean, Kathy Jo	Lector 8:30am	**Communion Assistants**	
Communion Assistants		Bostian, Susan	Assistant 10:30am
Mays, Tonya	Assistant 8:30am	Grebe, Cooper	Assistant 10:30am
Goethals, Reagan	Assistant 8:30am	**Acolytes**	
Acolytes		Martin, Charles	Acolyte 10:30am
Goethals, Reagan	Acolyte 8:30am	**AV Team**	
AV Team		Barone, Sara	Monitors 10:30
Joy, Alison	Monitors 8:30	**Counters**	
Kowatschitsch, Niko	Livestream	Davis Jr., Colin	Counter
Altar Guild		Enroth, Donna	Counter
Van Horn, Margaret	Altar Guild 8:30am	**Church Closers**	
		Wagoner, David	Closer
		Altar Guild	
		Bostian, Susan	Altar Guild 10:30am

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Welcome saints and sinners to Saint Mark's, established 1908 on *"how firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!" (hymn 796)* Thank you for your presence in person and online in worship today; and for your prayers, singing voices, listening hearts, giving hands, and Christ-sharing fellowship. Jesus loves you.

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