Order of Worship

Welcome
Prelude - Alleluia Ringers "Quietude" arr. Sandra Eithun
(we stand)
In the name of God: Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit.
Amen
Let us confess our sins using today's psalm, Psalm 51.
Psalm 51:1-12 *(spoken responsively)*
1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.
5 Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.
6 Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.
7 Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my wickedness.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
(we pause for silent confession)
Absolution
Hymn 330 Seed That in Earth Is Dying (with the Alleluia Ringers)
(we are seated)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible page 642
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.
The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

(we stand)
Hymn 186 Create in Me a Clean Heart *(we sing vs 10-12 of Psalm 51)*
The Holy Gospel according to John 12:20-26 Pew Bible page 875
Glory to you, O Lord!
[Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival.] Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.
The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to you, O Christ!

(We are seated)
Sermon
Hymn 450 I Bind Unto Myself Today vs. 1, 2, 5
Page 105 Apostles' Creed
Prayers
[10:30 Anthem: *"Praise the One who makes us One"* by Edwards and Trenney]

Page 144 Great Thanksgiving
Page 145 Lord's Prayer
(we are seated. Communion is by intinction)

Page 146 Lamb of God
(after all have communed, we stand)

Prayer *(unison. Hymn 450 vs 4 spoken)*

Hymn O Christ the Same *(With One Voice Hymnal #778)*
1 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages-
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love in triumph glorified.
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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

Soli Deo Gloria!

Welcome Spring! Tuesday, March 19 is the beginning of the first day of spring this year, when the vernal equinox occurs in the Northern Hemisphere. As the Earth travels in its annual orbit, sometimes its tilted axis leans in the direction of the Sun, creating summer in the hemisphere tilted toward it, and winter in the hemisphere tilted away. Today, it's neither: the North Pole and the South Pole are equidistant from the sun, since the Earth's axis leans not toward/away from the Sun, but "alongside" it, so to speak. The term "equinox" is from the Latin for "equal" (aequus) and "night" (nox), the idea being that today, night and day are as close to equal in length as they will be all year.

Of spring, Emily Dickinson wrote:
A little Madness in the Spring
Is wholesome even for the King,
But God be with the Clown —
Who ponders this tremendous scene —
This whole Experiment of Green —
As if it were his own!

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Worship Servants

8:30 am		10:30 am	
Children/Youth Sundays		**Children/Youth Sundays**	
Nursery		**Nursery**	
Wilkins, Cindy	Nursery	Keck, Nina	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, Treva	Greeter 10:30am
Houck, Paul	Greeter 8:30am	Bostian, Susan	Greeter 10:30am
Lectors		**Lectors**	
Monterose, Lorri	Lector 8:30am	McNabb, Jim	Lector 10:30am
Communion Assistants		**Communion Assistants**	
Monterose Sr., Tom	Assistant 8:30am	McNabb, Liz	Assistant 10:30am
Grebe, Cooper	Assistant 8:30am	Cline, Finley	Assistant 10:30am
Acolytes		**Acolytes**	
Grebe, Cooper	Acolyte 8:30am	Cline, Finley	Acolyte 10:30am
AV Team		**AV Team**	
Proefrock, Paige	Monitors 8:30	Happel, Paul	Monitors 10:30
Proefrock, Jeff	Livestream	**Counters**	
Altar Guild		Davis Jr., Colin	Counter
Nelson, Lynn	Altar Guild 8:30am	Enroth, Donna	Counter
		Church Closers	
		Joyce, Steve	Closer
		Altar Guild	
		Boardman, Marilyn	Altar Guild 10:30am

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Welcome saints and sinners to Saint Mark's on this Saint Patrick's Day. Thanks be to God for you! Thanks be to God for guiding you to worship, for giving you time and money and gifts to share. Let's listen to God's Word, sing Christ's praises, and share in prayer. *May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields; and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

March 17, 2024
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Dan & Kim Markley in honor of their 40th anniversary (March 17) and in celebration of the birthdays of twin granddaughters (7 years old) and the twin's baby sister (2 years old).