

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

The First Sunday in Lent, which we will observe on March 1, will bring contrasts. Instead of the celebratory spirit of Christmas, Epiphanytide, and Epiphany (concluding with Mardi Gras), we will encounter an emphasis on reflection, penitence, and self-discipline. Our 40 days of thoughtful moderation, study, and prayer will prepare us for the joy of Easter.

You will notice some changes in our liturgy on this Sunday.

We begin in silence—no prelude, no processional hymn. Then we—and I do mean WE—will share The Great Litany. I suggest that you review it in advance on pp. 148-153. We call it the “Great” litany not because of its length I(though it is long) but to distinguish it from other litanies in the prayer book.

Because the Litany (1) repeats elements of the Creed, (2) expresses the prayers of the people, and (3) includes an expression of penitence, it replaces on this Sunday the Creed, our usual Prayers of the People, and the Confession.

The roots of The Great Litany can be found in Judaism. For instance, read responsively, Psalm 136 is indeed a litany. In fact, the opening acclamation we use during Lent quotes the response repeated in this psalm, “His mercy endures for ever.” And we know that litanies were used in the Christian church at least as early as the fifth century.

The Great Litany has a particular significance for the Church of England. It was "the first rite published in English, in 1544, as a special supplication when Henry VIII was at war with Scotland and France." Thomas Cranmer, the principal author of our Book of Common Prayer, created The Great Litany from a variety of sources. While there have been revisions since Cranmer, the structure he created in 1544 is still evident in the liturgy we will chant.

You can find more information in the reference work I quote above, *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, by Marion J. Hatchett (The Seabury Press, 1980).

Fr. Paul

First Sunday in Lent

[Read This Week's
Lessons](#)

Notable *Music This Sunday*

Tenor Ken Jaeb will sing "Savior, Redeemer-A Lenten Prayer" and the choir will offer Healey Willan's somber "Behold, the Lamb of God." Martin Luther's first hymn, "From Deepest Woe" will be sung at Communion.

Upcoming *Events*

Sunday, March 1st:

Lenten Discussion: "What's Deadly About Pride & Anger"
@9:10 AM

Wednesday, March 4th:

Study Group, 9:30am

Vestry, 5:30pm

Lenten Series Potluck and Discussion, 6:45pm

Looking ahead...

Tuesday, March 17th:

Voting Day Bake Sale

Volunteers Still Needed!

Thursday, March 19th:

Chair Yoga, 5:15-5:45pm in the Undercroft. \$10.00

Beginner Yoga, 6:00-7:00 in the Undercroft. \$10.00

All are Welcome!

Sunday, March 22nd:

The Search Committee has worked with Katie to orchestrate a promotional video to showcase the people and happenings at St. Mark's. This day we will have a media company in to create a video which will include snippets of the Lenten series, service and music, interviews, daily happenings, and various organizations. We will use this video on our website and social media channels and look forward to having everyone participate in the video.



III/XI LM 2020

**The polls are open for Lent Madness III/XI !
(8:00 am for 24 hours)**

Today it is Thomas More v James the Less.

We know of Thomas as a barrister, the author of *Utopia*, Lord Chancellor of England, a devoted father and husband.

His opposition to the Protestant Reformation earned him the title "defender of the faith" by the Pope.....and his execution.

But, who is Jame the Less?

Some Roman Catholics believe "The Less" refers to James the brother of Jesus. Anglicans consider him to be James the son of Alpheus. Then there is James, son of Zebedee? The truth.....we know very little about this apostle.

So, on this Ash Thursday, will it be More or Less? The Madness begins!

Clarification - according to the SEC, "multiple votes from the same computer" constitutes voter fraud and banning from LM. So vote only once from *your* devise.

www.lentmadness.org



Thankful
Thursdays

Our food pantry is now in specific need of the following: **Boxes of Tissues, Boxed Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Oatmeal, Canned Chili, and Boxed Taco Dinners.** Thank you for helping us re-stock our pantry shelves!

Beth Bletzacker, Thankful Thursdays Co-Chair

Prayer
Concerns

Vonda Temelkoff, Mary Schumacher, Paul Welch, Ken McPeek,
Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill,
Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

Family and Friends: Fr. Carey Sloan, Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Olivia (friend of Paulette Frech), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Bridgette and Randy (friends of Ron and Cindy Brown), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), Kristina Brinkman (friend of Kathy and Bob Kennedy), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Ed Ott (friend of Ted and Cricket Boyd), Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's'), A.J. Nelson (family of Sara Strattan), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Fletcher, Jamie, Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds'), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz (friend of the Rands)

For all those serving in the armed forces.

For all those who have died.

Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at

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Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

Servers this Sunday March 1st:

Acolytes 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes 10:00am: Joe Hoot, Lauren Hoot, Karen Violand, Marilyn Thorp, Fletcher Clark

Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Paul Sack

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Tom Turner, Fletcher Clark, Rhonda Warren

Ushers: Dave Thorley, John Wise, Kent Clark
Vestry: Marcia Kiesling
Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Louise Moore, Sara Strattan



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