

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coldwater, MI

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18, 2018

*Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.*

*(Bold hymn numbers indicate music in large-print hymnal)*

**473** **Processional:** *Lift high the cross*

**Anthem:** *Speak to us Lord* John Beck

Kathie Bappert, soloist

VF74 **Offertory Hymn:** *O wheat whose crushing was for bread* (see back of bulletin)

**Communion Hymn:** *Send me Jesus, send me Jesus, send me Jesus, send me Lord. (repeat)*

*Lead me Jesus, lead me Jesus, lead me Jesus, lead me Lord. (repeat)*

*Fill me Jesus, fill me Jesus, fill me Jesus, fill me Lord. (repeat)*

**474** **Recessional Hymn:** *When I survey the wondrous cross*

### **Collect**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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.

### **Psalms 51:1-13**

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
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 transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

4 **Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,\*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### **John 12:20-33**

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. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

### **~Schedule for Today~**

**Lectors:** Nancy Smallwood & Barb Hantz    **Intercessor:** Mike Pridgeon

**Worship Leader:** Dave Croal    **Crucifer:** Ethan Monroe

**EM/Gospel Book:** Debra Dally    **EM:** Luke Hetrick

**Altar Guild:** Barb Hantz    **Altar Linens:** Don Hetrick

**Ushers:** Glenn & Debi Wright    **Lay Visitor:** Audrey Croal

**Lion's Roar Teachers:** Tania Berry/Laura Monroe    **Announcements and Lock-up:** Bob Frye

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Team #6

### **~Calendar~**

**Today, March 18<sup>th</sup>: The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**8:45 am:** Choir Rehearsal

**10 am:** Holy Eucharist

**11:15 am:** Coffee Hour

### **This week:**

Mon., Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup>		Rector's Day Off
	6:30 pm	Love & Logic series for parents & caregivers in Parish Hall
Tues., Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup>		Rector's Day Off
	4- 6 pm	'MSU Cooking Matters for Parents' class in Parish Hall
Wed., Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30-12 noon	Round Table Discussion group meets in Library
	2-4 pm	Knit/Crochet/Craft Group meets in Library
	5:30-6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	6-6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Lenten Program - 'Living the Questions'
Thurs., Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1-2 pm	Grief/Loss/Recovery group meets in Library
Sat., Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Men's Group at Biggby
	9:30 am	Palm Cross workshop in Parish Hall
	10:30 am	Altar cleaning - all guild and all others that can help

### **Next Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018**

**8:45 am:** Choir Rehearsal

**10 am:** Liturgy of the Palms in the Memorial Garden - weather permitting, then procession into the Church, Holy Eucharist/ w Prayers for healing following the service

**11:15 am:** Coffee Hour

**12:30 pm:** Masonville service w/ Fr. Rick

**6:30 - 8 pm:** 4-H Club 'Helping the World Kids Gardening Club' meets in Parish Hall

### **~Announcements~**

**Our Children's Church, 'Lion's Roar', welcomes all kids,** following the Collect of the Day, going to their classroom with teachers, returning to join the congregation at communion.

**Happy Birthday wishes this week go to** Kellie Stroud, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>; Carol Borden & Bob Zabornick, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Julien Konenemann, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**The daffodils** are being delivered to the church on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> between 11 am and 1pm. If you come into town that day, will you please stop and pick up your order. Paul will be at the church until 3 pm to pass out the orders.

**At the Relay for Life Kickoff breakfast** Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark's was again awarded the Team Excellence Award. This award is given to teams that raise over \$10,000 for the event. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> time St. Mark's has won this award, making it a testament to the caring expressed by the members of St. Mark's!

**Newsletter deadline for April newsletter.** Please submit articles/news **no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>** in order to be included in this issue, which will be published earlier than usual.

**Join us Wednesday evening for our last Lenten Program.** The program begins with Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, soup supper at 6 pm, and our Lenten program, 'Living the Questions', at 6:30 pm.

**On Saturday night at the Easter Vigil** we will continue our tradition of ringing of hand bells at the Great Alleluia and all Alleluias that follow it for the rest of the service. We have some hand bells but it would be a perfect opportunity for you to bring a bell of your own to ring. We will be using incense at this service, around the altar. We will also ring hand bells on Easter Morning at each Alleluia so bring your bells and help make a joyful noise.

**Easter Flower order forms** are being inserted in today's bulletins. Completed order forms must be returned, with payment of \$20.00 (check or cash), no later than **Sun., March 25<sup>th</sup>**, in order to be listed in the bulletin. You may put your completed order forms in the collection plate, or return them to the office. If paying by check, please be sure to put "Easter Flowers" in memo section.

If you would like to contribute candy that can be stuffed into plastic Easter Eggs, for the Egg Hunt, please give it to Laura Monroe, or Kristin Marteen by 3/25. Thanks.

Come join the fun Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, folding palm crosses! We will be making these in the parish hall and as we make 100 crosses, your help would be greatly appreciated! We welcome you to stay (or come if not helping with the palm crosses) as the Altar Guild will be sprucing up the altar area for Easter. We will begin 'sprucing up' around 10:30, and with lots of help, be done by noon. --Barb H.

The Coldwater United Methodist Women are having their annual Lenten Luncheon, Wed., Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. All are invited. If interested in attending, call in reservations at 517-287-8443 by Mon., Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**TIGER Baseball HOME PLATE** 2018 is Saturday, May 12, at Comerica Park. The pre-game program begins at 12:30 pm with Christian recording artist Matt Hammitt with a program that includes several of the Tigers, and former Tigers, speaking about their careers and their faith in Jesus Christ. An on-the-field Photo Day is scheduled from 2:05 - 3:20 pm. Game starting time is 4:10 pm, with the Tigers playing the Seattle Mariners. To make reservations contact Sandi Stiles (810-620-0164). Cost of this exciting event is \$45.00 per person, which includes your ticket, bus ride, coupon for concession areas, poster, and program. NO RESERVATIONS will be accepted after April 6<sup>th</sup>! Bus leaves St. Mark's parking lot at 8:30 am, returning around 10:30 pm.

*O wheat whose crushing was for bread*



1 O wheat whose crush-ing was for bread, O  
2 O fruit whose crush-ing was for wine, O  
3 O life whose crush-ing was for love, O



bread whose break-ing is for life, O life, your seem-ing end is  
wine whose flow-ing is for blood, O blood, your pour-ing out is  
love whose spend-ing was to death, O death, your mourn-ing is our



seed, a seed for wheat, our bread and life.  
life, our life in you, O fruit-ful vine.  
joy, full joy and birth to last-ing life.