

March 12, 2023
The Third Sunday in Lent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



“When we have become distracted, doubtful, discouraged, sinful, sorrowful, or soul-stretched, may we accept the Lord’s invitation to drink of His living water, as did the certain woman at the well, inviting others to do the same as we bear our own certain witness: ‘Is not this the Christ?’”

Linda K. Burton

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and links to on-line worship.*

We are a diverse community seeking to embody and share
the teachings and love of Jesus Christ for all people.

The Rev. Anne Weatherholt, Interim Rector

Dr. Mark Hardy, Organist

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Welcome to Epiphany Episcopal Church

If you are a guest today, please sign the register and make yourself known to the people around you. The Episcopal Church welcomes everyone to the world-wide Anglican Communion, and to this historic WW I Chapel in the Diocese of Maryland. *We are glad you are here* and hope you will return! Please make yourself at home and if you need anything, just ask and someone will be glad to assist you. *The restrooms* are located through either door on the side of the fireplace in the back of the Church. There is a *ramp* for easy access on the side of the Church opposite the road.

Children and Youth, Toddlers-Teens, are invited to “Godly Play” at 10:30 on Sundays in the Conboy Center. The Mission of Godly Play is: To make meaning through story, wonder, and play and nurture spiritual lives by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children. Children come into Church for Communion.

All baptized persons of any age are welcome to receive communion at our services. If you or a family member are not baptized and would like to know more about joining the Church and making a commitment to the Christian way of life, speak to the clergy or call the Church office. Holy Baptism is the initiation by which we become members of Christ’s body, the Church, and are invited to grow in love for God and service to others, supported by a spiritual family.

Health guidelines: Masks are encouraged, and hand sanitizer is provided on the literature tables. You may remove your mask briefly if you are a lector or receiving communion. You may intinct (“dip”) the consecrated blood in the small intinction bowl offered by the Celebrant, or drink from the chalice.

**We provide gluten-free wafers. Please inform the Priest
of your preference when you come forward to receive Holy Communion.**

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Be sure to call the church office or the Interim Rector’s Cell Phone if you or a loved one is in the hospital or in need of a visit.

WORSHIP NOTES

The Liturgy is found in the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Hymns are found according to the following: H=Blue Hymnal;

LV = Black cover, Lift every voice and sing; S=front portion of the Blue Hymnal.

The Hymns are omitted at the 8 AM service.

Names for today’s prayers may be added on the clipboard near the Altar.

WORSHIP DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

Worship in the Episcopal Church is an active and responsive process. Please respond where the word "All" occurs. Customarily, you are invited to stand to sing, sit to listen and sit or kneel as you are able to pray. During the Season of Lent, you are invited to sit or kneel as you are able more often as a sign of repentance. Standing for prayer is a sign of Resurrection and may be reserved for the Easter Season. Please do what is most customary and meaningful for you and allow others to do the same. And if you get lost, just follow others, and know that the state of your heart is more important than the motions you make. The following order of service suggests moments when you may change your posture.

We Gather in the Name of God

THE PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able

THE ENTRANCE HYMN H 699 Jesus lover of my soul

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
All **Whose mercy endures forever.**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

We Hear the Word of God

THE READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: **Psalm 95** *Venite, exultemus*

*The Psalm is said responsively by whole verse at the 8 AM service,
and sung at the 10:30 service.*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his
 hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
 at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
 9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.
 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
 "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
 11 So I swore in my wrath, * "They shall not enter into my rest."

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN When like the woman at the Well (Vs 1-3)

1 When, like the wo - man at the well, I
 2 Christ knew my heart, my way - ward ways, yet
 3 I learned I could for - ev - er live and
 4 Each day I lift my cup a - bove and
 5 Since now I am in grace im - mersed, set

lived with bro - ken dreams, _____ Christ came to me, good
 gave me hope, not fear. _____ The God I once thought
 wor - ship God a - right, _____ could trust the power the
 once a - gain re - ceive _____ the liv - ing wa - ter
 free, for - giv - en, whole, _____ I share with those who

news to tell, of ev - er liv - ing streams. _____ *Fine*
 far a - way, I could ap - proach, draw near. _____
 Spi - rit gives to guide me in truth's light. _____
 of God's love, re - vealed for my be - lief. _____
 are a - thirst the well - springs of my soul. _____ *Fine*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to
 Saint John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ!**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it

that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of

his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN (Verses 4-5)

We Respond to the Word of God

You may be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

THE SERMON The Rev. Mark Winward, *Guest Preacher*

A time of silence is kept after the sermon.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lector Let us pray. (*You may sit or kneel as you are able.*)

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. With thankful hearts, let us pray to the Lord saying, “Great God and King, *hear our prayer.*”

Lord, give us eyes to see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. May the Church reap what has been sown by our forebears and sow the seeds that will bring forth the fruit of the future.

Silence Great God and King, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, reveal the strength of your love to those around the world who are asking, “Is the Lord among us or not?” We pray for comfort and peace for all people.

Silence Great God and King, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, you hold the caverns of the earth and the heights of the hills; your hands have formed the seas and the dry land. Bless and keep your creation.

Silence Great God and King, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, where there is suffering in our city, produce endurance; where there is endurance, produce character; where there is character, produce hope. And where we place our hope in you, let us not be disappointed.

Silence Great God and King, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, we pray for those who are sick or suffering. Give them that living water that comes only through your Son Jesus Christ, that their needs may be met and all their thirsts quenched.

Silence Great God and King, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, we pray for the dying and the dead. We pray in the assurance that all have been reconciled to you through the death of your Son and saved by his new life.

Silence Great God and King, ***Hear our prayer.***

THE PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP, Page 818

The Lector adds specific prayers.

THE PRAYER FOR PEACE *(Written by the Rev. Dr. Phebe McPherson)*

Oh God, the Father and Mother of all, guide us into the ways of peace. Lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, violence and mean spiritedness; fill us with generosity, hospitality, and love; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **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.

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

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Mark Winward, 25th Anniversary Renewal of Ordination Vows

Mark, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace. As Priests, we are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit.

Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your bishop?

Answer I do.

Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

Answer I do.

Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Answer I do.

Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Answer I do.

Let us pray for Mark as he continues his call:

May Mark exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. May he continue to be a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things he may continue to serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN!**

We Offer our Gifts to God

As we gather today, may we remember the needs of the world, the Church, and the community. During the Season of Lent, you are invited to make a special offering each day towards the work of the Kingdom of God. Consider a special love gift to a charity of your choice, including Epiphany Episcopal Church. If you give up something for Lent, be sure to take something on in its place whether that be an offering of treasure or time. As we prepare the altar, pray for God's grace and peace.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE.

Celebrant Like living stones, you are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Peter 2:4

THE ANTHEM The Epiphany Choir

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *Bless the Lord my soul*

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, Almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with the saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

SANCTUS S-130 Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You may sit or kneel as you are able.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,

which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified, and risen, who was and is and is to come,

**we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language, people, and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

We Break the Bread of Life

A moment of Silence is kept.

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

All

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

All

“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S - 164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Said at 10:30 on behalf of those viewing this service online.)

From the Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces,)

In Union, O Lord with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you

praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. *Amen.*

We Share the Gifts of God

Everyone who comes to this Holy Table is welcome.

You may be seated or kneel as you are able before and after receiving Holy Communion. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, come forward to receive the bread and wine.

You may receive the consecrated bread and either intinct (“dip”) it in the small intinction bowl or drink from the Chalice offered by the chaliceist.

If you have never been baptized, you are invited to explore with us what this entrance to the Christian Faith is like.

Prayers for healing are offered at each service.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

LV 143 Wade in the Water

LV 203 There is a Balm in Gilead

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

You may sit or kneel as you are able.

All **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying, and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gates of glory. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

We Go Forth in the Name of God

THE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you have a birthday or Anniversary during this past or coming week, you are invited to come forward as the community offers a prayer.

The Birthday Prayer BCP, Page 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 686 Come Thou Font of Ev'ry Blessing

THE DISMISSAL

Please face the doors as you prepare to go out into the world

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ, to live as a diverse community – seeking to embody and share the teachings and love of Jesus Christ for all people!

All **Thanks be to God!!**

The Winward family invites you to the Conboy Center for Refreshments and Fellowship following the 10:30 service.

The Vestry meets today after the 10:30 service.

The Shared Life of the Community of Faith

THIS SUNDAY, March 12, Lent 3

The Rev. Mark Winward is our Celebrant and Preacher at both services, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. Father Mark, a native of East Hartford, CT, is a Captain in the Navy Chaplain Corps and a prior Unrestricted Line Officer. He currently serves as the Director of Religious Affairs at the National Security Agency and Central Security Service at Fort Meade, MD. He wrote his Master's Thesis at Ridley Hall, Cambridge University, UK, earned his Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1997, and Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2007. Father Mark was ordained to the diaconate in the Episcopal Church in 1997 and to the priesthood in 1998. Upon his graduation in 1997, Father Mark accepted a call to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Newport News, VA as Assistant Rector. During this time, he co-founded the Committee for Science, Technology, and Faith for the Episcopal Church. In 1999, he accepted a call as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Saco, ME. After supporting recovery efforts at the Pentagon following the attacks on 9-11, Father Mark felt a strong calling to return to active duty. Since 2002, in addition to his numerous joint military, Navy and Marine Corps assignments, he served combat assignments in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as sat on the faculty of both Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA, and Joint Special Operations University in Tampa, FL. Father Mark has been married to his beloved bride, KC, for 35 years and has two adult sons, Christian and Matthew.

SUNDAYS IN LENT

Episcopal "101" is offered each Sunday at **9:30 am** in the Conboy Center. Today: "Creeds and Beliefs." Next week: "Episcopal Worship and the BCP." This class is open to all and is taught by our Interim Rector, Anne.

SPECIAL PROGRAM – **"Processing Loss: The Transition from Phebe to..."**

- *Friday, March 17, 10:00am (in-person, Conboy Center)*
- *Saturday, March 18, 12:30pm (in-person, Conboy Center)*
- *Monday, March 20, 7:00pm (virtual, Zoom)*

In these sessions, we will remember and honor our past while looking toward the future with open minds and hearts. They will last 60-90 minutes, but feel free to come for as much as you can. And feel free to attend more than 1 session! All are welcome in this place. If you would like to participate, but prefer a more individual conversation, please email Catherine Clair, catherine.ann.clair@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN NEWS

On Saturday, March 25, delegates and clergy of the Diocese of Maryland will meet at St. John's, Ellicott City, to elect a new Bishop Co-Adjutor. For information the latest information about the Candidates, go to: <https://episcopalmaryland.org/meet-and-greet/>. You may view the recordings of the "Meet and Greet" meetings held this past week.