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Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the “Welcome” card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 8th, 2026 Rite 2 Year A
Migration with Dignity Sunday

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We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have
And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

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**We Love
God**

St. Mark’s is a community of people who believe in the power of God’s love as expressed through God’s son, Jesus Christ.

**We Love
Each Other**

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

**We Love
Our Community**

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

**We Love
Our Faith**

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

WHAT IS “MIGRATION WITH DIGNITY”?

At the 81st General Convention in June 2024, the Church adopted a resolution calling for **Migration with Dignity**, “a statement of specific principles about migration that resonate with the teachings of Jesus and our baptismal promise to ‘respect the dignity of every human being.’” This set of principles addresses the challenges of global migration in a new way while aligning with the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international laws and agreements, and is consistent with previous resolutions of General Convention.



The resolution foresees replacing the punitive immigration policies currently enforced in the U.S. and many parts of the world with frameworks that respect six specific types of human rights:

- A universal right of movement, including freedom to leave and return to one’s country of origin, freedom of movement within one’s country of origin or country of settlement
- The right to be secure: from sexual violence including rape and sexual exploitation, human trafficking, slavery, forced labor, and arbitrary and abusive detention
- The right of equality, to include: 1) equal treatment with no discrimination under the law based on color, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political affiliation, national origin; and 2) equal opportunity for upward mobility
- Rights to a basic quality of life, including employment rights, housing rights, and food rights
- The right to access services such as health care, education, and legal representation
- Civil and political rights guaranteeing the right to identity, to use of one’s language, and to freedom of speech and religion

As Episcopalians, we are called upon to affirm Migration with Dignity as a framework to guide ministry with migrants, making urgent efforts to support arriving migrants’ immediate needs for shelter, food, clothing, legal assistance, work permits, healthcare, transportation, etc. We are also urged to advocate for Migration with Dignity to local, state, national, and international governing bodies, exhorting them to enforce existing laws and policies that uphold these principles and to enact new laws and policies guaranteeing migrants welcome, protection, and integration into our common human journey.

The resolution also directs the 81st General Convention to establish a Task Force on Migration with Dignity to strengthen and expand migration ministries. The Task Force will inventory current programs and develop a strategic plan for coordinated, global Episcopal ministry consistent with Migration with Dignity principles.

Use this QR code to read the full text of the resolution.



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The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, and one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praeludium in A major, BWV 536

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Parishioners: Sam and the Francis family, Karen Hardison, Jerry Truman, Jane Elbert, Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Mix, Margie Costas, Pam Dummitt, Jane and Stuart Settle, Ryn Kennedy, the Tucker family, George Summers, Haig and Anne Kambourian, Kenneth Decker, Garry Land, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Mike and Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Marsha Iverson, and Bill Piercy.

Our extended family and friends: Natona, Eleanor Velez and family, Tom Johnson, Paul, Mildred Long, Maria, Judy Hardman, Phyllis, Wendy Christiana, Val Lipari, Dawn Bitler, Curtis, Kandace, Mollie, Janice Wise, John O'Shea, Jim Thompson, Terri Humel, Everette Beach, Jennifer Downey, Mary McLenigan, Robert McLenigan, Sally Kye, Louis Morris, Andrew and Gretchen Curtain, Ron, Pam, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

Those who have died:

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Jean Winne, Jean Hinkle-Klele, John Denson, Amelia Boschen, Steve Clark, Alyx Rasmussen, and Tara Burgess.

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Carol Schall and Mary Townley.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregation and clergy of St. John the Baptist, Ivy and St. Mary's, Arlington

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the coming of God's realm in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy economic development which enhances the Metropolitan community, employs the unemployed, and contributes to the common good.

Names on the extended family and friends prayer list will remain for three months unless longer is requested. Please contact the office with any changes.

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

arr. Roland Martin

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 372

Praise to the living God!

Leoni

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Gloria in Excelsis

Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Blessing

Hymn 783 WLP

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

Abbot's Leigh

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,
cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,
peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you
glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the
show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion: *You are welcome to share in Communion.*

Holy Communion: Come forward as the ushers direct you.

When you arrive at the front you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer.

You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice.

If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you require gluten free bread, please let the priest know when you come forward.

If you have any mobility concerns alert the usher. Clergy will bring communion to you.

Prayers for Healing are available prior to, or after receiving communion.

A minister will be available to the right of the chancel area. In this healing space, confidentiality is honored for all shared prayer requests. Disclosures of potential harm to yourself or others, or suspected abuse, require reporting to the proper authorities to ensure safety and well-being for all. Should you desire further counseling, you may set up an appointment with our clergy who can assist you in finding support.

Music

God So Loved the World

Text: John 3:16

Music: Bob Chilcott

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. AMEN.



The Lectern

The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 58:1-12

Laura Hicks

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

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Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

Beatus vir

Light shines in the darkness for the upright.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his com-*mandments!* Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of com-*passion*.

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Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



The Communion Vessels

The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace” in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or “host”), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

Sanctus

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. _____

(Please
or kneel as you are able)

stand

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
All: We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.
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It is good for them to be generous in *lending* and to manage their affairs with *justice*.
 For they will never be *shaken*;
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting re-*membrance*.

They will not be afraid of any evil *rumors*;
 their heart is right; they put their trust in the *Lord*.
 Their heart is established and will not *shrink*,
 until they see their desire upon their *enemies*.

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They have given freely to the *poor*,
 and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with *honor*.
 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine a-*way*;
 the desires of the wicked will *perish*.

REFRAIN

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians *1 Corinthians 2:1-16* Peter Walker

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 221 LEVAS

This little light of mine

Traditional Spiritual

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it

Oh

1. shine, This lit - tle light of mine,
 2. shine, Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 3. shine, Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to

Oh

1. mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
 2. go, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
 3. me, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it

Oh

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine.



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

All: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)

Offertory

"Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"

Text: Percy Dearmer

Music: Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together
Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve Thee faithfully."

(Please stand as you are able)

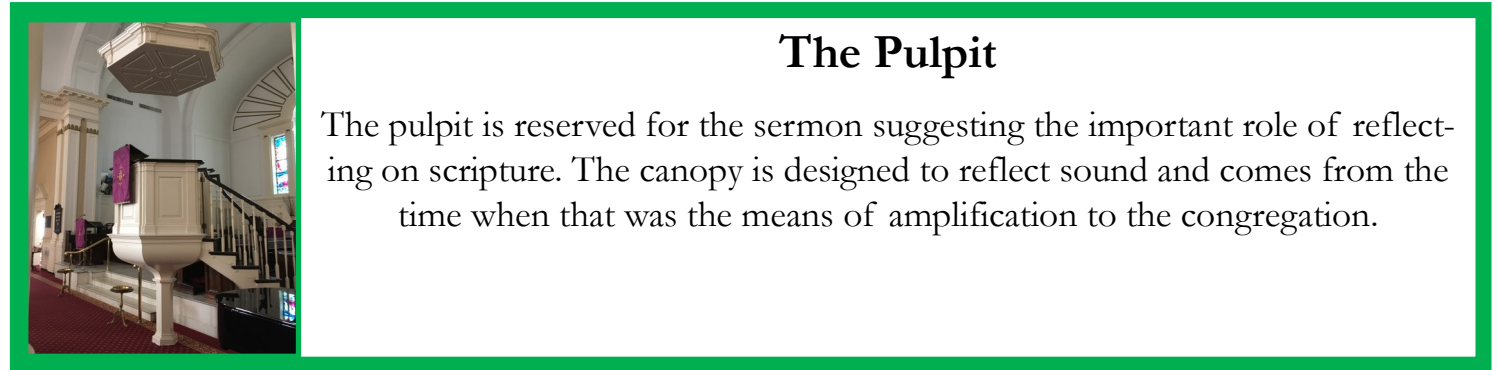
At The Presentation, Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*



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Old 100th



The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Benjmain R. Badgett



The Baptismal Font

Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

(Please stand as you are able)

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Presider: As we lament the evil of arbitrary and abusive detention of migrants and bear witness to the need for every person to have the right to migration with dignity, we are grounded in our baptismal identity in Christ, in whom there is neither Jew nor Gentile, man nor woman, slave nor free, and in whom every difference of nationality, race, and border is incorporated. Let us now renew the covenant we made at our baptism, as a sign of our unity, our repentance of the evil done against migrants in our name, and our commitment to God's ways of righteousness and justice.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Concluding Collect

Presider: Almighty God, who has created us in thine own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

***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.**

The Absolution

Presider: 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.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

(All greet one another in the name of the Lord.) (Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community

For the enslaved persons who were forced to migrate across the ocean like merchandise, whose humanity was denied by people who misused Scripture, and for their descendants who continue to be slandered and abused. May God help the rest of us take responsibility for repairing as much damage as possible.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

For an end to cartels and gangs that prey on the vulnerabilities of migrating persons. May they repent of the harm they cause, make amends, and find belonging in restorative communities.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

For those who live in fear because of the false narratives they have heard about immigration, may God's love cast out fear.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

For judges and courthouse staff, that they remain steadfast in upholding the rule of the law, unimpeded by hostile pressures or disruptions.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

For those unsure of how to speak up for migrants in their families, congregations, and communities, may the Holy Spirit give wisdom and words of truth.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

For all who fight for immigrant justice, especially detained organizers and the advocates and attorneys walking alongside them. Fill them with divine courage and righteousness.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

And now, we pray for those on our parish family's prayer list: Jerry, Jane, Sandra, Margie, Pam, Jane and Stuart, Ryn, the Tucker family, George, Haig and Anne, Kenneth, Garry, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Betty, Lisette, Mike and Margaret, Phyllis, Marsha, Bill, Natona, Eleanor and family, Tom, Paul, Mildred, Maria, Judy, Phyllis, Wendy, Val, Dawn, Veronica, Pat and Bill, Curtis, Kandace, Mollie, Janice, John, Jim, Terri, Everette, Jennifer, Mary, Robert, Sally, Louis, Andrew and Gretchen, Ron, Pam, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Amy, Kristy, Randi, Marion, and Hollis.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

(Remain Standing)

Prayers of the People

Tamara Orr

God of justice and compassion, be present with us as we celebrate our beautiful human family on this Migration with Dignity Sunday and help us to strive for justice and peace for all who suffer worldwide as they seek safety and peace.

For your church and its leaders, that they may have wisdom, courage, and strength to resist systems that oppress, harm, and imprison immigrants physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

For The Episcopal Church's members, clergy, and seminarians who are immigrants or have close ties to immigrant communities and now fear for their futures and families. Surround them with support and wrap them in peace.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

For our nation and its leaders, especially those in charge of immigration laws and policy, that they may affirm and act on the truth that all human beings deserve life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and treat migrants with dignity and compassion.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

For the millions of people who have left homes to search for safety, dignity, and basic human needs. Help each of us to practice empathy by sharing our lives and resources with those who are displaced.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

***Response:* Hear our prayer.**

For those traveling to find freedom, that they may be safe as they encounter jungles, rivers, deserts and unbearable dangers, and that all may welcome travelers with love.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For those suffering in detention centers and in similar facilities in the U.S., in El Salvador, and across the world. Bring an end to the immigrant detention system so that all migrating persons can pursue a future in the U.S. without the trauma and abuses of incarceration. Give all who are detained, and their loved ones, a strong sense of your presence and hope in your promises of liberation.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For those who manage shelters and other safe places for migrating persons, especially children and mothers, that they may enjoy abundant provision for all of their needs.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For all who have been punished and degraded in their home country for who they are and whom they love. Teach us to shelter and protect one another.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For our siblings who are fleeing peril or experiencing peril in the United States, especially the victims of wars, gang violence, and terrorism. Help us not to hide from their pain; but instead recognize their suffering as our own.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For all who are losing their resources and livelihoods because of global climate change and must find new places to live. Help us to protect the environment so that all people everywhere can thrive.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For your beloved who have died while seeking safety, while in ICE custody, or while resisting injustice, and all of us who mourn them, that they may find rest in your arms where there is no pain, grief, or tears.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For misconceptions, fears, and ‘otherness’ that keep us separated from each other, forgive us. Help us to display the unity our world so desperately needs.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For all who struggle to adapt to languages and cultures that are new to them, may God grant continued determination and hope.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For the labor, talents, and contributions of immigrants; keep us grateful.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For those who must leave home countries because of the dire conditions that originate from global systems rooted in colonialism, racism, and exploitation.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For all of the love and hard work that migrating persons bring to their new communities. May our hearts be filled with respect and thanks.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For children separated from their parents because of immigration policy. May they be reunited, and may their trauma be healed.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For those who work along national borders and in the immigrant detention system, that they experience protection from danger, healing of moral and spiritual injury, and new opportunities for life-giving work.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For the holy families who are refugees, just as Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees. May we see the sacredness of their accomplishments, their resilience, and their hope.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For all victims of human trafficking, forced from place to place to be exploited. May they have access to freedom and recovery.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

For the descendants of the first people who lived in North America, most of whom were killed or forced to migrate across the continent by people who had lighter skin. May all other persons recognize these tragedies and their shared responsibility to bring justice.

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.