St Mark's EPISCOPAL CHURCH love is our tradition

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany January 26, 2025 Rite 2 Year C

> Thank you for joining us in worship. 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.

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.

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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

A Word of Welcome



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All hail the power of Jesus' Name

Coronation



 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and 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.



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: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

(Please be seated) **The Lessons**

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Mickie Jones

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

> Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. *All:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19



The heavens declare the glory of <u>God</u>, and the firmament shows his <u>handiwork</u>. One day tells its tale to a-<u>nother</u>, and one night imparts knowledge to a-<u>nother</u>.

Although they have no words or <u>language</u>, and their voices are not <u>heard</u>, Their sound has gone out into all <u>lands</u>, and their message to the ends of the <u>world</u>.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the *sun;*

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its <u>course.</u>

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens, and runs about to the end of it a-*gain;* nothing is hidden from its burning *heat.*

The law of the Lord is <u>perfect</u> and revives the <u>soul</u>; the testimony of the Lord is <u>sure</u> and gives wisdom to the <u>innocent</u>.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the <u>heart;</u> the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the <u>eyes.</u> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for <u>ever;</u> the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous alto-<u>gether.</u>

More to be desired are they than *gold*, more than much fine *gold*, sweeter far than *honey*, than honey in the *comb*.

By them also is your servant en-<u>lightened</u>, and in keeping them there is great re-<u>ward</u>. Who can tell how often he of-<u>fends</u>? cleanse me from my secret <u>faults</u>.

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Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous <u>sins;</u> let them not get dominion <u>over me;</u> then shall I be whole and <u>sound</u>, and innocent of a great of-<u>fense.</u>

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your <u>sight</u>, O Lord, my strength and my re-<u>deemer</u>.

A Reading from First Corinthians1 Corinthians 12:12-31aJennifer Kaufman

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. *All:* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 632

O Christ, the word incarnate

Munich



The Pulpit



The Gospel

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.

Luke 4:14-21

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

Karen Hardison, Worship Chair

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)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

(Remain Standing)

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: [Isaiah 60:1] "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."

You who, by the leading of a star, guided the magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, lead us to the light of revelation, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of the human family.

Silence

Intercessor: Christ, be our light All: Shine in our heart.

Intercessor: You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Silence

Intercessor: Christ, be our light *All: Shine in our heart.*

Intercessor: You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, dis-unity, and distrust in our public life and labor. We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To experience the healing power of Jesus's resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Silence

Intercessor: Christ, be our light All: Shine in our heart.

Interessor: You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into One beloved community. Today, we especially give thanks for the birthdays of Emily, Candy, Kathryn, Griffin, and Isabel, and all who celebrate anniversaries.

Silence

Intercessor: Christ, be our light *All: Shine in our heart.*

Interessor: You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, especially those in our parish family: Jennifer, Meredith, the Tucker family, Jerry, Kenneth, Garry, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Juette, Marsha, David, Samantha, Bill, Andrew and Gretchen, Debbie, Jeffrey, Sandra, Frank and family, the Owen Family, Ron, Pam, Jodi, Laurence, Sarah, Duncan, Will, and the McDuff Family, John, Kathy, Barbara, Corey, Florence, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David, Ginny, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Gloria, Amy, Kristy, Randi, Marion, and Hollis. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Silence

Intercessor: Christ, be our light *All: Shine in our heart.*

Intercessor: You, who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, shine the light of hope.

Silence

Intercessor: Christ, be our light *All: Shine in our heart.*

Intercessor: You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Silence

Intercessor: Christ, be our light *All: Shine in our heart.*

Presider: May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **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



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.

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table



SCAN to DONATE

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated) Offertory

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, from Christus, Op. 97Text: Numbers 24: 17, 19Music: Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a Sceptre from Israel rise up and dash in pieces Princes and Nations. How brightly beams the morning star! With sudden radiance from afar With light and comfort glowing! Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, Rightly leads us, Life bestowing. Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing.

(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. Old 100th

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.

(Please stand as you are able) The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

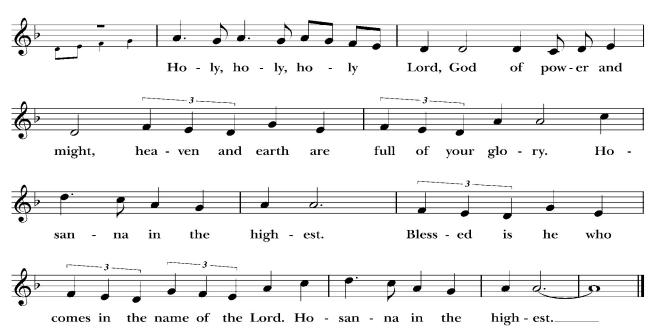
Presider:	The Lord be with you.
All:	And also with you.
Presider:	Lift up your hearts.
All:	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Powell



(Please stand as you are able)

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

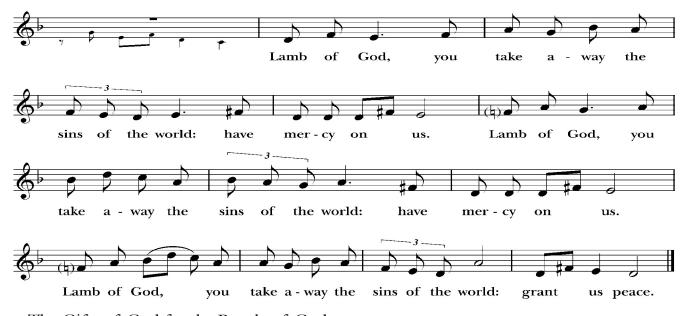
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei



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

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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 have any mobility concerns please alert the usher

and the clergy will bring communion to you.

Communion Hymn 806 (WLP) If you believe and I believe Traditional Zimbabwe In the South African Apartheid-era prisons, the unjustly imprisoned men were physically isolated from one another. But through the power of song, they maintained spiritual connection to each other and to their pursuit of justice. The inmates, borrowing the words of this traditional Zimbabwean anti-colonial hymn, sang through the walls to each other in solidarity. Gradually, during the 1970s and 80s, "If you believe and I believe" was adopted in ecumenical worship contexts globally, ultimately appearing in our Wonder, Love, and Praise hymnal in 1997. And so, the hymn endures.



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 Blessing Hymn 379



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.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

<u>Parishioners</u>: Jennifer McCauley, Meredith Franklin, the Tucker family, Jerry Long, Kenneth Decker, Garry Land, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Keith MacKay, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Steve Row, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Juette Iverson, Marsha Iverson, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, and Bill Piercy.

<u>Our extended family and friends:</u> Andrew and Gretchen Curtain, Debbie Abernathy, Jeffrey Matthews, Sandra Painter, Frank Eberly and family, the Owen Family, Ron, Pam, John Golden III, Kathy, Barbara Taylor, Corey Sims, Florence, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Lee Hyden (Anne Kambourian's daughter), the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ginny Jones, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Gloria Wiley, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

Those who have died:

<u>Those celebrating birthdays:</u> especially Emily Townley, Candy Osdene, Kathryn Burnes, Griffin Landers, Isabel Savory

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregation and clergy of Christ Ascension, Richmond.

<u>Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer</u>: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To experience the healing power of Jesus's resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

Please inform the office of any changes to the prayer list.

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All are Welcome Here

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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