

# St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

## Fairland Parish



The Second Sunday After Christmas

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

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8:00 a.m.

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*The People enter, maintaining physical distance. All stand. There is no procession.*

### Opening Rites

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. *Amen*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, unto 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.*

Hear what our Lord Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you,

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

Sirach 24:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Wisdom praises herself,  
and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.
- <sup>2</sup> In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,  
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:
- <sup>3</sup> ‘I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
and covered the earth like a mist.
- <sup>4</sup> I dwelt in the highest heavens,  
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.
- <sup>5</sup> Alone I compassed the vault of heaven  
and traversed the depths of the abyss.

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- <sup>6</sup> Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,  
and over every people and nation I have held sway.
- <sup>7</sup> Among all these I sought a resting-place;  
in whose territory should I abide?
- <sup>8</sup> “Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,  
and my Creator chose the place for my tent.  
He said, “Make your dwelling in Jacob,  
and in Israel receive your inheritance.”
- <sup>9</sup> Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,  
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.
- <sup>10</sup> In the holy tent I ministered before him,  
and so I was established in Zion.
- <sup>11</sup> Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place,  
and in Jerusalem was my domain.
- <sup>12</sup> I took root in an honoured people,  
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

*Reader:*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People:*           Thanks be to God.

**Psalm of the Day**  
*The Cantor chants the psalm.*

Psalm 147:12-20

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- <sup>12</sup> Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!
- <sup>13</sup> For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.
- <sup>14</sup> He grants peace within your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of wheat.
- <sup>15</sup> He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.
- <sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.
- <sup>17</sup> He hurls down hail like crumbs—  
who can stand before his cold?
- <sup>18</sup> He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
- <sup>19</sup> He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
- <sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his ordinances.  
Praise the LORD!

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel

John 1:1-18

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and

truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ’) <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon: Became Flesh and Lived**

### **The Creed**

*Led by the LEM, the People say:*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, was made

human, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried;

and on the third day rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And *we* believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father *and the Son*; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And *we* believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The LEM or Reader says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for the well-being of all.

*Silence*

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

*Silence*

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*If the confession is not omitted, the Deacon or Celebrant then says*

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Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. The People, led by the LEM, then say*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things,  
judge of all people:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our  
misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the  
burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for  
thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in  
newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath  
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance  
and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and  
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

## Words of Comfort

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to God.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Mt. 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; the perfect offering for our sins, and not ours only, but the sins of the whole world. *1 Jn 2:1-2*

## The Peace

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you,

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another at physical distance.<sup>1</sup>*

*The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.*

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<sup>1</sup> *Note: for the safety of the People, there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.*

*The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you,

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made human of the substance of the ever-blessed Mary, his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*The People, led by the LEM, say*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand. The People hold forth their gifts, if any. The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire that thou mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

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And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The People, led by the LEM, pray*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence.*

*The Celebrant continues*

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore, let us keep the feast.

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*The LEM may then lead the People in this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property it is always to have mercy. Grant us, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People come forward to retrieve the hosts, maintaining physical distance.*

*They consume the hosts and their gifts upon returning to their seats.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant or LEM then leads the People in this prayer*

Almighty, ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us, members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of the faithful; and heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. We beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou preparest for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements, if any, are made here.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the

Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.*

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