# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH Fairland Parish



**Epiphany Sunday** 

Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist - Rite II January 8, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

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# Office: (301) 622-5860 \* Fax: 240-560-6613 St. Mark's Announcements

- 1. "Scripture or Reason, I am Sure, Do Not Anywhere Say So:" Reading Scripture and Finding Freedom with John Locke. Sunday, 9:05-10:15am, Parish Hall and via Zoom. Please join us for this critical study of Locke's use of scripture and reason in laying the political and religious foundations for natural rights, human rights, democracy, and freedom. No preparatory reading required. Please see Rev. Wilkins for more information.
- 2. <u>FOC Meeting</u>: Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:30pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.
- 3. <u>Vestry Meeting:</u> Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.
- 4. Thrift Shop Closure: At its meeting on January 3, 2023, the vestry decided to permanently close the Thrift Shop, but to continue to fulfill St. Mark's ministry of providing those in need with clothing, shoes, and household essentials. More information on how we will carry out this mission will be forthcoming. Plans are also being made to make the building ready to host a new community endeavor in the near future.
- 5. <u>At-Home Covid-19 Self-Test kits</u> are available, free of charge, in the church office.
  - a. There are 2 kits in each box; we will provide one box per person.
  - b. Please contact Janis Smith, Parish Administrator, or Keira Vargas, Parish Secretary, if you would like a box of test kits. Contact number: 301-622-5860.
- 6. <u>Please consider hosting Coffee Hour:</u> volunteers are needed to host coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is located on the wall beside the coffee pot.

Instructions on what a host needs to do may be found on the clipboard. We give thanks for all those who have already volunteered this year!

Please check your e-letters and the website for the most up-to-date information.

#### Save the Date!

# Sunday, February 12, 2023: St. Mark's Annual Meeting

St. Mark's 2023 Annual Meeting will soon be upon us, and we hope that you will be able to join us, following our 10:30am service in the Parish Hall.

More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

# St. Mark's Mission

- We will deepen our faith by adopting more liturgical options to reach out into the community.
- ❖ We will extend our outreach by getting more people involved in and reaching more people through community involvement.
- ❖ We will embrace evangelism by choosing to be a church that reaches out to our community and spread the good news of Christ.
- ❖ We will increase our participation by being committed to our church through regular attendance, and giving of our resources of time, talent, and treasure.

# Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Rite II Epiphany Sunday

The People enter, masked and maintaining physical distance. Silence is kept.

# Prelude

Entrance Hymn: What star is this, with beams so bright

Hymnal #124 vss. 1-4

- 1. What star is this, with beams so bright, more beauteous than the noonday light? It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring.
- 2. True spake the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob's star; and eastern sages with amaze upon the wondrous token gaze.

- 3. The guiding star above is bright; within them shines a clearer light, and leads them on with power benign to seek the Giver of the sign.
- 4. O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek thy face, let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of thy light to use.

# Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day

The Celebrant then says:

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

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

The Celebrant continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, by the leading of a star you made manifest thine only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith,

to thy presence, where we may see thy glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

# The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

60 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples,

but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away,

and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

The Choristers chant the psalm.

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.
- <sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- <sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
- <sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.
- <sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

#### The New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

3 This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, <sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

LEM: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymnal #132 vss. 1,2,5 tune of Hymn #143 Gradual Hymn: When Christ's appearing was made known

- 1. When Christ's appearing was made known, King Herod trembled for his throne; but he who offers heavenly birth Sought not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2. The eastern sages saw from far And followed on his guiding star; by light their way to Light they trod, And by their gifts confessed their God.
- 5. All glory, Jesus, be to thee for this thy glad epiphany: whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost forevermore.

Matthew 2:1-12 The Gospel

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

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People:

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# The Sermon: Having Been Warned

A prepared text of the sermon is available on the church website.

# The Holy Baptism

#### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate(s) are presented by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor I present N.(N.) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate able to speak for themselves

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate(s) or their sponsor(s).

Question Do you renounce Satan and the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? Answer I do.

After all, have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.
Celebrant Let us now make or renew our own Baptismal Covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, apprecived by the power of the Hely Spirit and born of the Hely Spirit and the He

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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News

of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

# Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the People

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The LEM or other minister leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

# Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant raises a hand above the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.* 

# The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N.(N.), I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

#### The Peace

The People stand.

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

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another.1

<sup>1</sup> Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.

# Offering Hymn: We three kings of Orient are

Hymnal #128

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

The Choir and Congregation will sing the Hymn together as an anthem. Everyone will sing the Refrain after each verse. The verses will be sung as follows:

Verse 1 - All voices

Verse 2- Men only

Verse 3 - Choir only

Verse 4 - Women only

Verse 5 – All voices

1. We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain. moor and mountain, following vonder star.

#### Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King for ever,

ceasing never over us all to reign. [Refrain]

- 3. Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God Most High. [Refrain]
- 4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]
- 5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. [Refrain]

# The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, 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 with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

The Sanctus Hymnal S#129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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 your Word made flesh: Jesus, your Son. For in the fullness of time you sent him among us to live and die as one of us, the Savior and the Redeemer of the world. In him you deliver us from evil, and make us worthy to stand before you. In him, you bring us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life.

On the night before he was betrayed unto death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me." ‡

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me." ‡

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord,

The People, led by the LEM, say

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you from your creation this bread and this wine, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit to live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us to that heavenly country where, with [N.] and all your saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. AMEN. ‡‡

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

The People, led by the LEM, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Hymnal S#154

The People, led by the Choristers, then sing:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

While setting the table with the hosts, the Celebrant says

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

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

# Communion Hymn: In the bleak midwinter

Hymnal #112

- 1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
- 2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.
- 3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
- 4. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. The Celebrant or LEM leads the People in the following prayer:

Eternal God, holy Lord, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Now send us forth in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Announcements and Celebrations

Announcements and celebrations, if any, are offered here.

# Blessing

The Celebrant says

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

# Withdrawal Hymn: As with gladness men of old

Hymnal #119 vss. 1,2,4

- 1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.
- 2. As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger-bed; there to bend the knee before

him whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy-seat.

4. Holy Jesus! every day keep us in the narrow way; and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

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

#### Dismissal

The LEM says

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

People: Thanks be to God.

# Postlude

Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour and Fellowship.

# Special Thanks:

We once welcome John Hurd as our Substitute Organist. John is the former Organist and Music Director at St. Columbia's Church, Washington, DC.

# The Flowers on the altar were given today by Gail Soulea in Memory of Trudy Fish.

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We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you, and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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