

St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish



Sexagesima – the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

February 12, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

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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 political and religious foundations for natural rights, human rights, democracy, and freedom. No prior reading required. Please see Rev. Wilkins for more information.
2. **Bag Lunches for Elizabeth House:** Sunday, February 19, 2023, following the 8:00am service, St. Mark’s Outreach ministry makes bag lunches for those in need at Elizabeth House. St. Mark’s is looking for volunteers to help make these bag lunches. Please contact Linda Toran or the office if you would like to volunteer.
3. **FOC Meeting:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:30pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.
4. **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.
5. **At-Home Covid-19 Self-Test kits** 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. **Coffee Hour Hosting:** Please consider helping to host the *Coffee Hour* following the 10:30 service. Help is needed with setup, cleanup, and purchasing. There is a sign-up sheet located on the wall beside the coffee pot in the Parish Hall. Instructions on what a host needs to do may be found on the clipboard. We give thanks for all those who help with this ministry of hospitality.
7. **Altar Flowers:** You may sponsor the Altar Flowers for any Sunday or major feast day in memory of your loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or any other suitable occasion – or even just because. The sign-up book with details is in the church office or, on Sundays, in the narthex (at the back of the church). Please contact the office for more information or to support this part of our worship ministry.

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

Save the Date!

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

St. Mark's 2023 Annual Meeting is today, and we hope that you will be able to join us, following our 10:30am service in the Parish Hall or via Zoom. Light refreshments will be served. The meeting will begin at 11:30am. Zoom login information can be found in the weekly E-letter.

Saturday, February 18, 2023: St. Mark's Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner Dance:

Live jazz and DJ performances. Please plan to join us for a fun evening in the Parish Hall from 6:30pm-11pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm and dinner served at 7:00pm.

Please RSVP by February 10, 2023, by the SignUp Genius invite sent to your email or calling the church office.

If you wish to bring a dish to share, the sign-up sheet may be found on the kiosk in the Parish Hall. This is a BYOB event – beer and wine only.

Please plan to join us for an evening of fellowship, that includes live jazz performed by Nat Nolan & Friends, a DJ, good food and dancing.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023: Ash Wednesday services:

1. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, Riderwood Chapel, 10:30am.
2. Morning Prayer with Imposition of Ashes, St. Mark's Church, 11:30 am, followed by lunch with the Vietnamese American Services Senior Club.
3. Sung Vespers with Imposition of Ashes, St. Mark's Church, 7:00 pm.

On or before Sunday, February 19, 2023, please bring to St. Mark's any dried palm leaves you may have from prior years. The palms will be turned to ash prior to the evening service for use during that service.

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 Eucharist - Rite II

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

Prelude

Opening Acclamation

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe. Please rise if you are able as worship begins with our opening hymn.

The People stand. The congregation sings.

Entrance Hymn:

Hymnal #525

The Church's one foundation

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,

one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace ended.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we

like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Opening Rites

The Celebrant then says:

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

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, in you we live and move and have our being. Bless us as we gather for worship, cleanse our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and open our minds to perceive by grace and reason the light of your word, and your light in the world. *Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis: Glory be to God

Hymnal #S204

1. Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
3. O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

5 that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

8. For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;

9. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you:
Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness
we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your
grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please
you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson

Sirach 15:15-20

- ¹⁵ If you choose, you can keep the commandments,
and to act faithfully is a matter of your choice.
- ¹⁶ He has placed before you fire and water;
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.
- ¹⁷ Before each person are life and death,
and whichever one chooses will be given.
- ¹⁸ For great is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power and sees everything;
- ¹⁹ his eyes are on those who fear him,
and he knows every human action.
- ²⁰ He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly,
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:1-8

The Choristers will chant the Psalm.

- ¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
- ² Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
- ³ who also do no wrong
but walk in his ways.
- ⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
- ⁵ O that my ways may be steadfast

in keeping your statutes!
⁶Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
⁷I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
⁸I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

The New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

³ And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not all too human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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

Gradual Hymn:
Holy Spirit, every living

Hymnal #511

1. Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ;
thee we praise with endless worship
for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.

2. Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry;
quickenng, strengthening and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age, and soul to soul,
in a fellowship unending
thee we worship and extol.

The Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

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.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or

sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by

Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Yes, Yes.

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

The Creed

Led by the LEM, the People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, the 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 human.

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.*

The Prayers of the People

The LEM or Reader says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "*Lord, have mercy*" (or "*Kyrie eleison*").

That Your Church may be filled with truth and love, and stand blameless before you at the day of your coming, *Lord, have mercy*.

That Your people may be one, and our witness to Your love be faithful, to the ends of the earth, *Lord, have mercy*.

That those who have lost their faith or their way may find it by Your light, and follow it well, *Lord, have mercy*.

That there may be peace among the nations, and respect and forbearance among all peoples, *Lord, have mercy*.

That those in positions of public trust may speak truth, serve justice, and promote the dignity of every human being, *Lord, have mercy*.

That we might use Your creation rightly, and free all people from hunger, malice, ignorance, and misery, *Lord, have mercy*.

That all who are in flight from peril or suffering, in prison or in pain, or who suffer from illness, poverty, or persecution, may find safety, haven, and relief, *Lord, have mercy*.

That this congregation, present and absent, may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth Your glory, *Lord, have mercy*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, *Lord, have mercy.*

For the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who are commended to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died, be their faith known to us or to you alone, that, with all Your saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Mary, the Mother of God, [N.,] and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

Choral Anthem:

Surely it is God who saves me ***First Song of Isaiah/D.A. White***

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

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

¹ *The People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.*

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#125

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
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.

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#155

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:

Hymnal #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,

and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.

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:

LEVAS #226 vss. 1,3,4

Mine eyes have seen the glory

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword,
His truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]

4. In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make all free,
While God is marching on. [Refrain]

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 **St. Mark's Annual Meeting** and light refreshments.*

The Flowers on the altar today were given by Ann and Don Hague in thanksgiving for Beau Donald Hague, whose birthday was on February 10, and by Samuel Ayodele in memory of Thomas Ayodele who passed away to glory on February 2, 2023, in Nigeria, in thanksgiving for his memorable life spent before he died.

Musical Note: Today's Withdrawal Hymn is sung in commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, 16th President, who was born on February 12, 1809.

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If you would prefer not to be shown on camera, please sit on the pulpit side of the nave, behind the videographers.

Readers and Intercessors

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2nd Reader: Chuck Smith

Intercessor: Olivia Lee

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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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