

St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish



Septuagesima – the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

February 5, 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. **In Memory of Catherine Farrell Billups:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023, a funeral service will be held at 11am in the Church followed by burial in the cemetery.
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!

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. Light refreshments will be served. The meeting will begin at 11:30am. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

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.

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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 #126

The people who in darkness walked

1. The people who in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light;

on them broke forth the heavenly dawn
who dwelt in death and night.

2. To hail thy rising, Sun of life,
the gathering nations come,
joyous as when reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

3. To us the promised Child is born,
to us the Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
and all the hosts of heaven.

4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the mighty God and Lord.

5. His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

58 Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.
⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

⁹ If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 112:1-10

The Choristers will chant the Psalm.

¹ Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;

they will be remembered forever.

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

The New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

² When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

LEM: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

Hymnal #505, vss. 1 and 2

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

1. O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
in every need thou bringest aid,
thou comest forth from God’s great throne,
from God, the Father and the Son;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

2. O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
increase our faith in our dear Lord;
unless thy grace the power should give,
none can believe in Christ and live;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Salt and Light

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: *Be thou my vision*

Alice Parker

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.

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

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#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 #466

Eternal light, shine in my heart

1. Eternal light, shine in my heart;
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support;
eternal wisdom, make me wise.

2 Eternal life, raise me from death;
eternal brightness, help me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath;
eternal Savior, come to me:

3. until by your most costly grace,
invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face
to know you, my eternal God.

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:

Hymnal #484

Praise the Lord through every nation

1. Praise the Lord through every nation;
his holy arm hath wrought salvation;
exalt him on his Father's throne.
Praise your King, ye Christian legions,
who now prepares in heavenly regions
unfailing mansions for his own:
with voice and minstrelsy
extol his majesty:
Alleluia!

His praise shall sound all nature round,
and hymns on every tongue abound.

2. Jesus, Lord, our Captain glorious,
o'er sin, and death, and hell victorious,
wisdom and might to thee belong:
we confess, proclaim, adore thee;
we bow the knee, we fall before thee;
thy love henceforth shall be our song.
The cross meanwhile we bear,
the crown ere-long to wear:
Alleluia!
Thy reign extend world without end;
let praise from all to thee ascend.

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.

**The Flowers on the altar today were given to the Glory of God
in memory of Tyre Jones.**

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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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Intercessor: Chuck Smith

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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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TENDING OUR SOIL SURVEY

We learned a great deal from the Story-telling Activity led by the TENDING OUR SOIL Team. We now invite you to share insights through a simple survey. If you'd like to respond on paper (and ensure that you are anonymous), please answer these questions, tear off this

page and place in the offering plate or in the office. There will also be an opportunity to share via email.

1) What makes you feel welcome at St. Mark's and that you are part of the St. Mark's Community?

2) What could you do to welcome people to be a part of St. Mark's and to feel they belong?

3) What can St. Mark's do as a community to welcome, include, and foster a sense of belonging in people?