

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

*Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 - 10:30am, January 21, 2024*



St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

**Prelude**

*The Celebrant says:*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Please rise as our worship begins with (*the entrance hymn*).

**Entrance Hymn:**

**Hymn #533**

*How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!*

1. How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise! How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways! O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name? Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

2. To nations of earth thy light shall be shown; their worship and vows shall come to thy throne: thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad, till earth's every people confess thee their God.

**Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day**

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

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

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

**Gloria in excelsis: Canticle 13: *Benedictus es, Domine* Hymnal #S-236**

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**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.*

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

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Old Testament Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5,10

<sup>3</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### Psalm of the Day: *Nonne Deo?*

Psalm 62:6-14

*The Choristers chant the Psalm.*

<sup>6</sup> For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.

<sup>7</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*

my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,\*  
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

### A Reading from *The Brothers Karamazov*, Fyodor Dostoevsky

Love all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

People: Amen.

**Gradual Hymn:**

**Hymn #653 vss. 1,2,4**

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

1. Dear Lord and Father of  
mankind, forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find, in  
deeper reverence, praise, in deeper  
reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who  
heard, beside the Syrian sea, the  
gracious calling of the Lord, let us,

like them, without a word, rise up  
and follow thee, rise up and follow  
thee.

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease; take from  
our souls the strain and stress, and  
let our ordered lives confess the  
beauty of thy peace, the beauty of  
thy peace.

**The Gospel**

**Mark 1:14-20**

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

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon: Fishers of People**

## **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*

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 those who have lost their faith, or who have never known it. Pray that God may open their minds, and grace move their hearts, to know and to follow Christ's way of love.



*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.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*The LEM or Minister appointed says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept. The People stand or kneel. The LEM or Minister leads the People as they say*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*Another Minister using the preceding form shall substitute “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.”*

## **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 at physical distance.*

**Choral Anthem: *O Zion tune thy voice***

**Doddridge/Dirksen**

*A Deacon or Priest, the LEM, and acolytes 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.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim your glory:

### **Sanctus**

**Hymnal #S-127**

*The Choristers lead the People as they sing:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he 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 Mary, the Mother of God, 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 Lord’s Prayer**

**LEVAS 264**

*The LEM leads the People as they sing:*

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 debts as we forgive  
our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

*The Choristers lead the People in singing*

### **Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover***

**Hymnal #S-151**

*Cantor:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All respond:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Cantor:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

*All respond:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*The Celebrant sets forth the gifts and says*

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*The People come forward to receive the gifts.*

### **Communion Hymn: *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult***

**Hymn #549**

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of  
our life's wild, restless sea, day by  
day his clear voice soundeth, saying,

"Christian, follow me;" saying,  
"Christian, follow me;"

2. as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake. leaving all for his dear sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store; from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more." saying, "Christian, love me more."

4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these." "Christian, love me more than these."

5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all. serve and love thee best of all.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays*

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

## **Announcements**

*Announcements, if any, are made here.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Bishop, if present, or the Celebrant says*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**Withdrawal Hymn:**

**Hymn #381 vss. 1-3**

*Thy strong word did cleave the darkness*

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done; for created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death, broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own live-giving breath: Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

3. Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness, glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

*The Altar Party and the People depart.*

*The LEM says*

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

**Postlude**

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

**The Flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God**

**by The Vargas Family in Memory of Miles David Vargas.**

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## Readers and Intercessor

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Gail Soulea

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Chuck Smith

Intercessor: Olivia Lee

## St. Mark's Announcements

1. **Sunday Adult Study and Discussion:** in the Parish Hall and via Zoom, Sundays, 9:05-10:10 am. All are welcome. Please see Rev. Christopher for more information.

**Our current topic of study:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Enoch and Other Pseudepigrapha.

**Our next topic of study:** Walter Rauschenbusch and the Social Gospel Movement.

2. **Altar Flowers:** Beginning with Easter and through the season of Epiphany, 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.
3. **Assisting with Worship and Other Ministries:** We welcome interested volunteers to serve at either worship service as Lectors (Readers), Intercessors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs), Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs), Acolytes, Ushers, and Greeters.



We also need a new Head of Outreach, or a team of leaders, to lead this ministry, and would welcome new members to the Fellowship Committee, Counter Team, and Altar Guild. Please see Rev. Christopher if you would be interested in serving in any of these roles.

4. **Bag Lunches for Elizabeth House:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, 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.
5. **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 notebook located on the wall beside the coffee pot in the Parish Hall. The notebook includes instructions on what a host needs to do. We give thanks for all those who help with this ministry of hospitality.
6. **Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Meeting:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.
7. **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting Zoom.

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

## Save the Date

### **Saturday, February 10, 2024: St. Mark's Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner Dance:**

St. Mark's Fellowship Committee is hosting a Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner Dance from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Please let us know whether or not you plan to attend by February 3, 2024. Simply go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0548ACAE23A5F49-47096457-mardi> or send an email to [office@stmarks-silverspring.org](mailto:office@stmarks-silverspring.org) with your name and the

number of guests in your party. Thank you in advance for helping us come up with an accurate headcount.

If you would like to bring a dish to share, you may find the sign-up sheet in the church office.

We hope you will join us for an evening of fellowship, tasty food, live music, and dancing. Be sure to invite your family and friends. Children are welcome.

**Sunday, February 11, 2024: St. Mark's Annual Meeting:**

St. Mark's 2024 Annual Meeting will soon be upon us, and we hope that you will be able to join us, following our 10:30am service at 11:30am in the Parish Hall.

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024: 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.
3. Sung Vespers with Imposition of Ashes, St. Mark's Church, 7:00 pm.

On or before Sunday, February 11, 2024, 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. If you would like the imposition of ashes at your home, please contact Rev. Wilkins.

### 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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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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