

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 – 10:30am, January 28, 2024



St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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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: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Hymn #616 vss. 1,2,5

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing,

their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

5. O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest; from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest; the tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

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.

Hymn of Praise: *Surely it is God who saves me*

Hymn #679

Paraphrase of the First Song of Isaiah

1. Surely it is God who saves me;
trusting him, I shall not fear. For the
Lord defends and shields me and his
saving help is near. So rejoice as you
draw water from salvation's living
spring; in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2. Make his deeds known to the
peoples; tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great
things; all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with
you has come to dwell, in your very
midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on
earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us
your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your
own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of

the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: *Confitebor tibi*

Psalm 111

The Psalm will be chanted by Choristers.

¹ Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

³ His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵ He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

A Reading from *To Live Is to Love*, Ernesto Cardenal¹

All animals who lift their voices at dawn sing to God. The volcanoes and the clouds and the trees cry to us about God. The whole creation cries to us penetratingly with a great joy about the existence and the beauty and the love of God. The music roars it into our ears, the landscape calls it into our eyes. In all of nature we find God's initials, and all God's creatures are God's love letters to us.

All of nature burns with love created through love to light love in us. Nature is like a shadow of God, a reflection of God's beauty. The still, blue lake is a reflection of God. In every atom lives an image of the trinity, a figure of the trinitarian God. And also my own body is created to love God. Each of my cells is a hymn about the Creator and an ongoing declaration of love.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

People: Amen.

¹ A Reading from the *Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes* (2023).

Gradual Hymn:

Hymn #407 vss. 1,2,5

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord

1. Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,
and blessing without measure. From
thee alone all creatures came; no one is
worthy thee to name.

2. My Lord be praised by brother sun
who through the skies his course doth
run, and shines in brilliant splendor:

with brightness he doth fill the day, and
signifies thy boundless sway.

5. By mother earth my Lord be praised;
governed by thee she hath upraised
what for our life is needful. Sustained
by thee, through every hour, she
bringeth forth fruit, herb, and flower.

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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.

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: I Know Who You Are

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: *We thank thee that thy Church* Ellerton/ Scholefield

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 (Fraction)

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: *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* Hymn #339

1. Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor, there
with joy thy praises render unto him
whose grace unbounded hath this
wondrous banquet founded; high o'er
all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell
with thee he deigneth.

2. Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten; Joy,
the best that any knoweth; Fount,
whence all my being floweth: at thy feet
I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven, for
our good, thy glory, given.

3. Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me
gladly here obey thee; never to my hurt

invited, be thy love with love requited;
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;

through the gifts thou here dost give
me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.

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 #437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy Name— the Lord, the Mighty One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

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 Claude and Charlene Langley in Thanksgiving for Claude Jr. and Parker's birthdays.

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Readers and Intercessor

1st Reader: Mala Rowland

2nd Reader: Kris Taweel

Intercessor: Jess Rowland

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 1st 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 3rd 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, February 20, 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 by February 3, 2024, whether or not you plan to attend. Simply go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0548ACAE23A5F49-47096457-mardi> or send an email to 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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Parish Office hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by appointment. Rector regular office hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 10-4. Please call, text, or email the rector if you would like to schedule an appointment; prepare for baptism, confirmation, first communion, reception, reaffirmation, or reconciliation; or have a pastoral need or concern.

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For information about St. Mark's, please visit our website:
www.stmarksfairland.org * www.stmarks-silverspring.org

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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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 10, 2024 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm Dinner will be served
at 7:00 pm

Fellowship



Food



Music



Dancing

Live Jazz

Performed by
Nat Nolan & Friends



DJ Levi Jones

Please RSVP by February 3.
Send an email to office@stmarks-silverspring.org
with your name and the number of guests in your party.

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

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(Remember to bring a corkscrew)
YOU MUST BE OVER 21 TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES