Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 – 10:30am, February 4, 2024



St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church Fairland Parish

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

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Prelude

The Celebrant says:

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Please rise as our worship begins with (the entrance hymn).

Entrance Hymn: Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymn #135 vss. 1,2,3

- 1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise, manifested by the star to the sages from afar; branch of royal David's stem, in thy birth at Bethlehem; anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; and at Cana, wedding guest, in your Godhead manifest; manifest in

- power divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3. Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill; anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

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.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Hymn of Praise: Serve the Lord with Gladness, Alleluia LEVAS 278
Please see musical insert.

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 Liturgy of the Word

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to live in,

²³ who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom, then, will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

- ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,
- ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: Laudate Dominum

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

The Psalm will be chanted by Choristers.

¹ Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

- The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.
- Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
- ⁶ The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.
- Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

- ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
- He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
- He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.
- He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

Second Reading: "God's Grandeur," by Rev. Gerard M. Hopkins, SJ1

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

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

Reader: Here ends the reading.

People: Amen.

Gradual Hymn: Lord of all being, throned afar Hymn #419 vss. 1,2,4

1. Lord of all being, throned afar, thy glory flames from sun and star; center and soul of every sphere, yet to each loving heart how near!

2. Sun of our life, thy quickening ray sheds on our path the glow of day; star of our hope, thy softened

light cheers the long watches of the night.

4. Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kindling hearts that burn for thee, till all thy living altars claim one holy light, one heavenly flame.

The Gospel Mark 1:29-39

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.

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may

proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Charged

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: Where cross the crowded ways of life F.M. North/W. Gardiner

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 this is the kingdom, and the power, and the

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: *Thine are, O Lord, in days of old* Hymn #567

1. Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save; it triumphed o'er disease and death, o'er darkness and the grave. To thee

they went, the blind, the deaf, the palsied, and the lame, the leper set apart and shunned, the sick with fevered frame.

- 2. And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hearing, strength, and sight; and youth renewed and frenzy calmed owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as of yore, in crowded street, by restless couch, as by Gennesaret's shore.
- 3. Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death; restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath: to hands that work and eyes that see, give wisdom's heavenly lore, that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore.

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: O bless the Lord, my soul Hymn #411

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim! And all that

is within me join to bless his holy Name!

- 2. O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind! Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.
- 3. He will not always chide; he will with patience wait; his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.
- 4. He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath; he healeth thine

infirmities and ransoms thee from death.

- 5. He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth; and like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.
- 6. Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

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 Jess and Mala Rowland in Memory of Mrs. Ramani Ponnurat, sister of Mala.

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Readers and Intercessor

1st Reader: Charlene Langley

2nd Reader: Janis Smith

Intercessor: Uloma Nwauche-Unonu

St. Mark's Announcements

1. <u>Sunday Adult Study and Discussion:</u> 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. <u>Altar Flowers:</u> 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. <u>Assisting with Worship and Other Ministries:</u> We welcome and encourage you to serve at either worship service as Lector (Reader), Intercessor, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV), Acolyte, Usher, and Greeter. We also would welcome a new Head of Outreach, or a team of leaders, to lead this ministry, and new members to the Fellowship Committee, Counter Team, and Altar Guild. Please see Rev. Christopher if you would like to serve in any of these roles.
- **4.** <u>Tending Our Soil:</u> The TOS team, focused on St. Mark's vitality as a congregation, is seeking two new members. TOS is currently working on a few projects: a Vision, Mission, and Goals statement; and making the Sanctuary more welcoming for people with small children. If you are interested, please see Rev. Wilkins.

Tending Our Soil is putting together a small team to take input from the congregation

and public on the "Welcoming Children" project and then design it. This project should take fewer than 90 days. To express interest, please contact Beth Walton in person or by texting 240-461-1647.

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- 6. <u>Bag Lunches for Elizabeth House:</u> 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.
- 7. <u>Coffee Hour Hosting:</u> 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.
- 8. <u>Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Meeting:</u> 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.
- 9. <u>Vestry Meeting:</u> Tuesday, February 27, 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

Wednesday, February 7, 2024: FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

St. Mark's has partnered with the Capitol Area Foodbank and Vietnamese American Services (VAS), to bring fresh vegetables and fruits to the community on a first come, first served basis, once a month between 1pm and 3pm. Please pick up at the Parish Hall. St. Mark's parishioners may call the office at 301-622-5860 to reserve a produce bag. All reserved food must be picked up no later than 3pm on Friday. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: if you can spare an hour or two.

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.

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. Our theme this year is: "Sharing God's Love – A Community's Mission."

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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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



Please RSVP by February 3. Send an email to <u>office@stmarks-silverspring.org</u> 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)
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