

Epiphany

Holy Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows – 10:30am

Wednesday, January 14, 2026



Riderwood Chapel

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Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

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First Wednesday after the Epiphany

The Celebrant says:

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b.*

Luke 2:10-11.

Please join in singing the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #121, vv. 1-3

Christ, when for us you were baptized

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.

2. God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true, sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.

3. Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

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 for ever. 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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant prays

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from Isaiah 42:1-9

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: *Afferte Domino*

Psalm 29

The Celebrant leads the People in chanting the psalm.

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

⁹ And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

¹¹ The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A Reading from the Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 1982, hymn #131, vv. 3 & 5
When Christ's appearing was made known

3. Within the Jordan's sacred flood
the heavenly Lamb in meekness
stood, that he, to whom no sin was
known, might cleanse his people
from their own.

5. All glory, Jesus, be to thee for this
thy glad epiphany: whom with the
Father we adore and Holy Ghost for
evermore.

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Then, 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 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: *This is My Son*

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant In honor of Jesus's baptism by John in the River Jordan, let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

Intercessor Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Intercessor Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Intercessor Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Intercessor Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Intercessor Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Intercessor Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Intercessor Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Intercessor Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect, then continues as follows:

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another.

Offertory Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

3 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

Then follows,

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect of Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one 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 his disciples, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them all, 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 remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord,

The People, with the Celebrant, 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,

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. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Celebrant and People then say:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant then says

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

The Celebrant and LEM distribute communion to the People.

Communion Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, Hymn #116, vv. 1-3

I come the great Redeemer cries

1. "I come," the great Redeemer cries,
"To do thy will, O Lord!" At Jordan's
stream, behold! He seals the sure
prophetic word.

"This is my Son, my well-beloved in
whom I take delight."

2. "Thus it becomes to fulfill all
righteousness," he said. Then,
faithful to the Lord's commands,
through Jordan's flood was led.

4. The Savior Jesus, well-beloved! His
Name we will profess, like him
desirous to fulfill God's will in
righteousness.

3. Hark, a glad voice! The Father
speaks from heaven's exalted height:

5. No more we'll count ourselves our
own but his in bonds of love. Oh,
may such bonds for ever draw our
souls to things above!

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *The Celebrant and People say*

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, Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries 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.

Closing Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #120, vv. 1-3

The sinless one to Jordan came

1. The sinless one to Jordan came, and in the river shared our stain; God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, and chose the path his Father willed.

2. Uprising from the waters there, the Father's voice did then declare that Christ, the Son of God, had come to lead his scattered people home.

3. Above him see the heavenly Dove, the sign of God the Father's love, now by the Holy Spirit shed upon the Son's anointed head.

The Celebrant says

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

The People say

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Accepting Nominations for Vestry Positions

Three of our vestry members' terms are ending this year – Alta Cannaday, Sandra Pang and Charles T. “Chuck” Smith – as is that of our junior warden, Jess Rowland. Vestry terms are for three years. The warden's term is two years. Also open is the position of alternate delegate to Diocesan Convention in 2027.

We will hold elections to fill these positions at St. Mark's Annual Meeting, which will be held in the Parish Hall on February 22, 2026, following the 10:30 service. Anyone considering service on the vestry, as a warden, or as alternate delegate should speak with a member of the Nominating Committee, which is comprised of Rev. Wilkins and the outgoing vestry members, as part of the process of discerning a call to a leadership role in the church.

Vestry members are the physical and spiritual leaders of the church. Their role includes delving deeply into the operations of the church in order to help us use our resources wisely to further our mission.

Nominations from the Nominating Committee will be closed as of Sunday, January 18, 2026. Parishioners will be notified no later than January 22, 2026, of the nominees. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

Upcoming Events – Save the Date

Tuesday, January 20, 2026: Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Meeting: 7:00pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026: Vestry Meeting: 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.

Sunday, February 22, 2026: Annual Meeting: 12noon in the Parish Hall: Please let the Parish Administrator know if you need to attend and vote by Zoom. Proxy voting is not permitted under St. Mark's Bylaws.

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

St. Mark's Mission & Vision

Mission

- ❖ To love God, love our Neighbors, and serve Christ in all persons.

Vision: St. Mark's

- ❖ Invites, welcomes, and connects people to God and one another in a thriving church community.
- ❖ Fosters opportunities for people to serve those around them.
- ❖ Promotes equity, justice, accessibility, and care for creation.

Adopted February 27, 2024

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*Parish Office hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by appointment.
Rector regular office hours: Tuesday, 10am - 5:30pm (2:00 pm – 9:30 pm on days when the FOC or Vestry meets), and Wednesday 12pm - 5:30pm. If you would like to speak with the Rector or make an appointment to meet with him, or have a pastoral emergency or concern, please call or text him on his cell phone at: 240-398-4499. During his office hours, you may also reach him by calling 301-622-5860. If you are unable to reach the Rector, please call the office, call the Wardens at 240-821-4584, or send an email to pastoralcare@stmarks-silverspring.org. We will reach out to the Rector to see if he is available.*

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For information about St. Mark's, please visit our website:

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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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