

Welcome to

SAINT MARK'S

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

February 11, 2024-Morning Prayer at 8:00 & 10:00 AM

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal

(Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)
VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

Please silence your cell phone

Welcome to St. Mark's Church. On this final Sunday after the Epiphany the Transfiguration of Christ is the central theme. This event was the most striking manifestation of Jesus' divine identity during the days of his ministry. It was also in this event that Jesus made his first clear reference to his approaching death and resurrection, which is the reason we commemorate it on the Sunday before Lent. The two greatest men of God from the past, Moses and Elijah, joined him, representing the law and the prophets, God's primary means of self-revelation prior to Jesus, and discussed with him what lay ahead. The Old Testament reading is the account of the prophet Elijah's departure into heaven leaving his ministry to his disciple Elisha. Jewish belief in the days of Jesus was that this, the greatest of the old prophets, would one day reappear to signal the coming of the Messiah. In the second reading, Paul describes the presence of Jesus in our lives as the light of God. We are to be transfigured by Jesus that his light may shine forth from us. It is in the liturgy of the Eucharist, above all, that God's people continue to meet and know the Lord. We become eyewitnesses to Christ's continuing work of redemption in our lives, and we are called to manifest his love for all people in lives transfigured by our own relationship to him. Today is the final Sunday we use the liturgical word "Alleluia" until Easter. Thus, its renewal at Easter will signal its unique joy. In many congregations the final hymn is the ancient "farewell to Alleluia" (Hymnal 1982, #122 and #123). It uses the Old Testament Babylonian captivity as an image of our lives in this world, and our hope for an eternal Easter in God's Kingdom.

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Prelude

Processional Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise the everlasting King.
- 2. Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in this faithfulness.
- 3. Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Widely yet his mercy flows.
- 4. Angels, help us to adore him;
 ye behold him face to face;
 sun and moon, bow down before him,
 dwellers all in time and space.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) These words are in the public domain.

Opening Sentence

The Officiant says,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling as they are able.

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

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.

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant + Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The people sit.

Psalm 50:1-6 Deus deorum

- ¹ The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * *God reveals himself in glory.*
- ³ Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- ⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from above * *to witness the judgment of his people.*
- ⁵ "Gather before me my loyal followers, * *those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.*"
- ⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * *for God himself is judge*.

The Lessons

First Reading 2 Kings 1:1-12

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

 \mathbf{W} hen the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.



The Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Reader The Gospel according to Mark.



Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud

overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people sit.

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People say together, all standing as they are able.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was 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.

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. Amen.

The Prayers

The people kneel as they are able.

Officiant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Suffrages B

- *V.* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- *V.* Day by day we bless you;
- R. We praise your name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
- *V*. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

Officiant

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

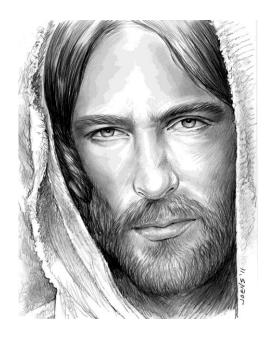
The people sit.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Officiant says,

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.





The Doxology

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the Officiant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.



Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Prayers of the People

Celebrant

Let us pray to the Holy One whose glory is like a chariot of fire and a raging whirlwind, saying: *Show us your glory and hear us.*

Lay Eucharistic Minister

For the Church: especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, and for Chris our priest, that we

may transform the world as we proclaim God's love through service to all. God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

For this parish family, that we who have been in the presence of Christ may be the shining light that illumines earth's darkness. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us.*

For peace in all places of war, violence, and unrest, that barriers may crumble, and suspicions and hatred may cease. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us*.

For each of us as we embark on the journey of Lent, that we may walk humbly and honestly in God's presence each day. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us*.

For all who struggle daily, especially those seeking jobs, a place to call home, food for their table or health care, that God will walk with them and bring them hope and fulfillment. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us*.

For those who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially the people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Armenia, the United States, and those on our prayer list. (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern.*) We pray .that they may experience the healing and renewing touch of Jesus. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us.*

For all those who have died, remembering especially Dave Lukert a member of our church family. (*The people may add petitions for those they wish to remember.*) We pray .that they may see the glory of God face to face. God of light, *show us your glory and hear us.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*The people may name their own thanksgivings.*) We also give thanks to God this week for Rob Moyle and Stephen Hunt who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Rob & Stephen as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Carol Johns in loving memory of her mother, Dorothy Moore Nostrand and by Diane Feil in loving memory of Marilyn Feil's birthday in heaven.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

ALL: Blessed are you, God of light eternal. Hear our prayers for all people and let your glory shine on us this day, that our lives may proclaim your goodness and our works give you honor, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant says

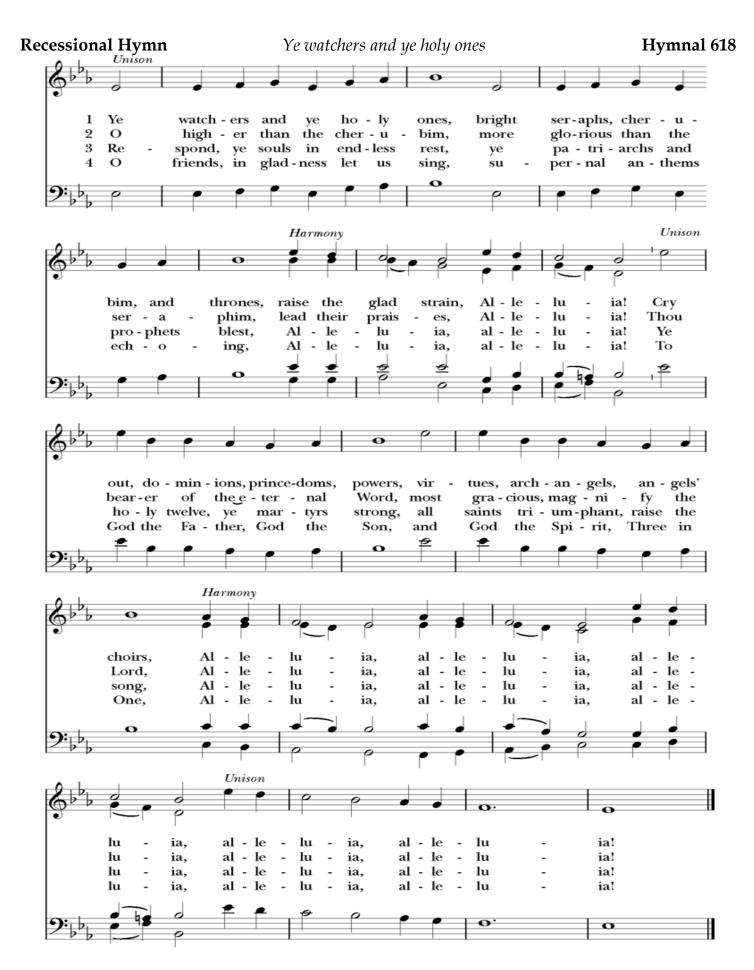
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Then the Officiant says

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

+ Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* Ephesians 3:20,21



Postlude



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 02/12 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, 02/13 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Shrove Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Flapjacks & Fellowship

Wednesday, 02/14 12:00 p.m. Ashes to go

Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting (Atwater Room)

Thursday, 02/15 10:00 a.m. Lenten Book Study - The Third Day

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Fr. Chris' Office)

12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers (Atwater Room)

Friday, 02/16 7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

Saturday, 02/17 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Winter Farmer's Market (Parish Hall)

Sunday, - 02/188:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church
The First Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

Sunday School in the Atwater Room

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

8:00 a.m. Participants				
LEM	Virginia Gilmore			
Lector	Tom Simson			
Usher	Steve Turner			
Altar Guild	Diane Stewart, Virginia Gilmore			
Coffee Hour	Diane Stewart, k	(ate Gabrielsen		
10:00 a.m. Participants				
LEM	Laureen Andria			
Lector	Barbara Pettus			
Ushers	Kevin Tunney/Tim Feil			
	Catharine Nobi	letti/Laura Bott		
	Diane Stewart			
February Birthdays				
Lori Jean Williams		02/04		
Penelope Tunney		02/06		
Rob Moyle		02/11		
Stephen Hunt		02/13		
Hudson Andria		02/16		
Sandy Wyman		02/18		
Kevin Tunney		02/21		
Morgan Laube		02/23		
Connor Canty		02/23		
Pamela Sheiffer		02/24		
Louise Reeves		02/28		
February Anniversaries				
Paul & Norma-Jeanne Okula		02/02		
Paul & Lisa Canty		02/24		
Kent and Elizabeth Wolgemuth		02/29		

Services	ln	Online
	Person	
02/04 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 8	16	
02/04 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 10	33	29
TOTAL	49	
02/08 Bible Study at 10 am	6	
Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And remember the People of Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Armenia, Ukraine and the United States of America too!	5	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are a new member of St. Mark's, kindly fill out a Parish Survey, which can be found at the back of the church.

TONIGHT AT 6:00 p.m. Chili Cookoff & Superbowl Party. PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU ARE COMING!

<u>Blessed Palms</u>—In our tradition blessed items should not be thrown away. If you would like to "recycle" your old palms, please give them to Fr. Chris so that they can be burned on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

<u>Our Lenten Study is called The Third Day</u>--TOM BERLIN USES HIS GIFTS OF STORYTELLING AND UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES TO CONNECT THE READER TO THE EXPERIENCES OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS AROUND JESUS IN HIS FINAL DAYS. Books can be purchased from Amazon or from Cokesbury.

<u>Inclement Weather—Please check our website at www.stmarkswhb.org</u> for weather related cancellations. PLEASE DO NOT come to church if it is unsafe to do so.

<u>Covenant Class</u> for those who wish to be Confirmed, Received or to learn more about the Episcopal Church will start in the new year.

<u>Coffee Hour</u>: Host/hostesses are needed for the 8 & 10 a.m. services in February. There is a sign-up sheet outside of the parish hall. Your help will be very much appreciated.

<u>Altar Flowers -</u> If you would like to dedicate flowers or plants for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at <u>Laura.bott17@gmail.com</u>. One plant is available on the 18th. The vases & plants are \$40.00 each. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

Mark Your Calendar:

February 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheet is on the table outside of the parish hall

February 14 – Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Ashes to go will be distributed at noon.

February 16 - 7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross (every Friday during Lent)

February 25 – "Holy Land" Visit – Special Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after each service

March 23-30 - Early Voting at Saint Mark's in the Parish Hall

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:

John Andren (Parishioner), Noah Berger (Req. by Jenn Kast), Stan Billie (Req. by Jenn Kast), Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Abby Connett (Req. by Nancy Connett), Marilyn Dorsa (Req. by Drew Clark, David Fridae, Owen Foster (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), Fred Rees Garcia (son of Victoria Garcia), Roberta Good (Diane Stewart's Sister), Jason Gordon (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), Elaine Hanes (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), Helen Horton (parishioner), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Christina Kouris (Req. by Sandy Wyman), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), John Martinelli (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Fred Meyer (Parishioner), Jock McLean (Parishioner), Sean McLean (Req. by Jock McLean), Sudie Nostrand (Carol John's Sister), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Cassie Panzarino (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Michele Parks (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), Joan Petrella (Parishioner), John Saladino (Req. by Victoria Garcia), Jean Scopinich (Parishioner), John Stewart (Parishioner), Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia), Stephen Wyman (Req. by Sandy Wyman.), The Most Reverend Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.

<u>We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:</u> Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.

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Sunday Services

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed) The first Sunday of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

<u>Thursday Midweek Service</u> 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano—Bishop of Long Island
The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf—Assisting Bishop
The Rt. Rev. William Franklin—Assisting Bishop
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Sandy Wyman—Warden

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> Thomas Simson—Treasurer Carol Fitton—Clerk of the Vestry

Ashley Lueck, Barbara Pettus and Steve Turner.

