



# ST. MARK'S CHURCH

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023 AT 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.



+ -- Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross" BCP—The "Red" Book of Common Prayer Hvmnal—The "Red" Hvmnal 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

### **NOTES ON TODAY'S READINGS**

Welcome to St. Mark's Church. Today is one of four occasions in the year designated by the Prayer Book as a baptismal day. (The other three are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day.) Each of the four days has its particular theme, which enhances our understanding of one aspect of the primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism. On this First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus' baptism was for all the Gospel writers and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event that initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in that event that Jesus was revealed as Messiah (Christ). God designated him as the beloved son and he was anointed by the Holy Spirit. We administer Holy Baptism today in the context of this theme. In Holy Baptism, each Christian is adopted as the child of God. Each Christian becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed" or christened. We become sharers in his life and in his redemptive ministry. Those baptized today and anointed with Chrism are received "into the household of God." They join with that household in confessing "the faith of Christ crucified," proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood -- the priesthood that is enacted sacramentally in Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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### **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER**



Celebrant + Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

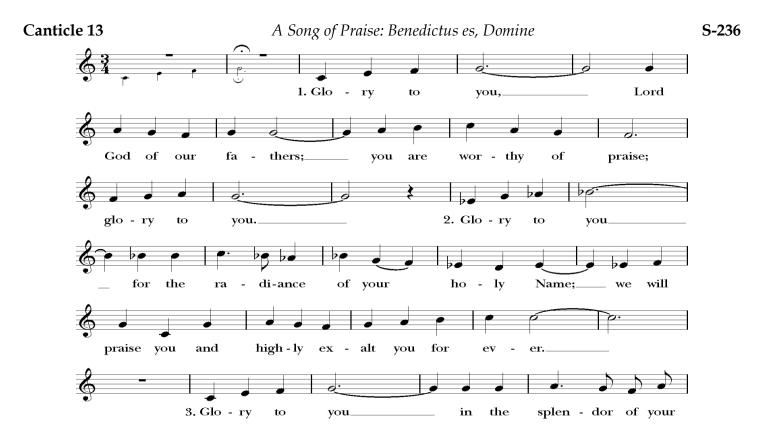
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Canticle 13** A Song of Praise Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever





### The Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether, let us pray.

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.

The people sit.

### The Word of God

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 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: 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, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 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 29 Afferte Domino

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \* *ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \* worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.*
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \* *the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*
- <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

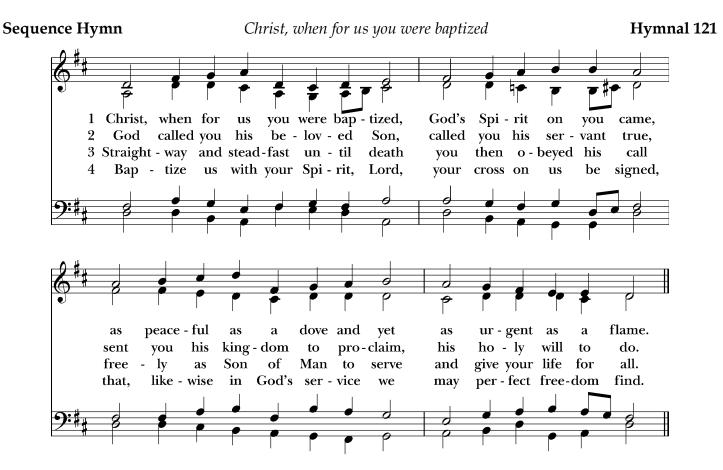
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \* *the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \* *and strips the forests bare.*
- <sup>9</sup> And in the temple of the LORD \* all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \* *the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.*
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD shall give strength to his people; \* *the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

The Epistle Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Book of Acts

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. 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.



The Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *People Glory to you, Lord Christ.* 

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 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. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord. **People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Dear People of God, through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been reborn into new life in him. I call upon you, therefore, as we celebrate his Baptism, to renew the solemn promises and vows by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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

People 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and

in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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 concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.* 

### **Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus the Beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized, saying: By your holy baptism, *Hear us, we pray*.

LEM: For the Church, that in this New Year we may be a Light to those who are searching for direction and a sign of hope for those searching to begin again. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray*.

For this Parish Family, that we, like the Magi, may offer Christ the gold of living faith, the incense of our worship, and the myrrh of compassion for others. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.* 

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation, that those who strive for peace may not tire, and that God will open new opportunities for opponents to recognize the good in one another. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.* 

For the members of Congress, that God will empower them with wisdom, courage, and foresight that they may faithfully serve in their charge to promote the well-being of all people. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.* 

For travelers and asylum seekers, for the hungry and homeless, the sick and the suffering, and all those in need of our prayers, especially those on our Prayer List. (The people may add their petitions for any need or concern.) In the light of Christ, may they find new hope and peace. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray*.

For those who have died. Having been reborn in baptism, may they rejoice in the radiance of God's glory. By your holy baptism, *hear us we pray*.

We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life. (*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*) We give thanks this week for Fr. Chris who is celebrating his birthday.

### For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Fr. Chris as he begins another year. Grant that he will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by the St. Mark's Parish Family in Celebration of Fr. Chris' Birthday.

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

All: Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### The Confession

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Absolution

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.* 

#### The Peace

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. 2 *Corinthians* 5.17

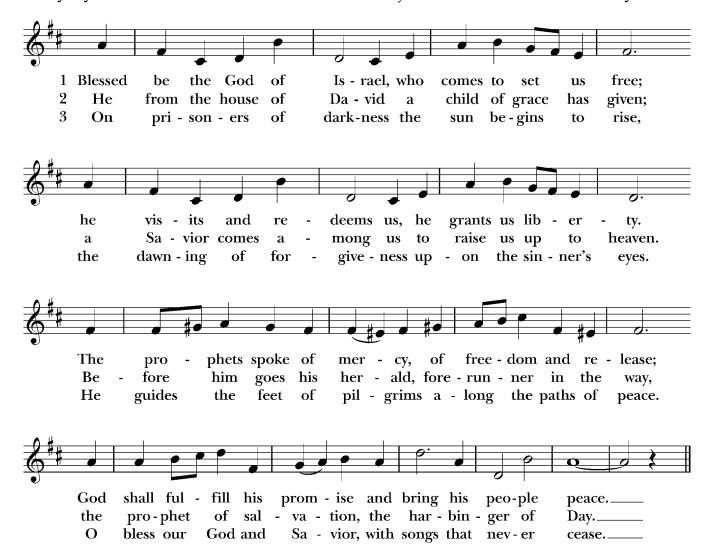
*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

### **Offertory Sentence**

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation. *Amen.* 





### The Presentation of Gifts

(At 8:00 a.m.)

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee, Amen.

(At 10:00 a.m.)



### The Holy Communion

### **The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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 him thanks and praise.

### The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

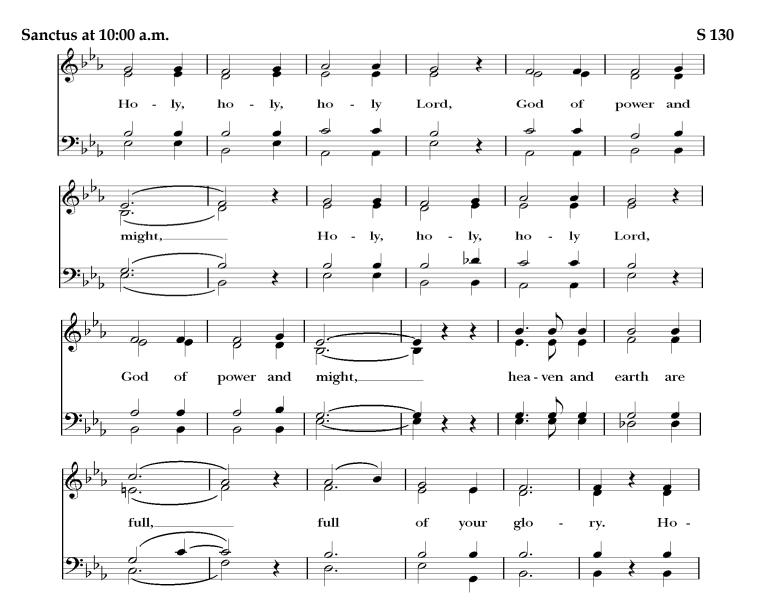
And now we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose willing submission to the way of righteousness is the pattern of our calling to be his people and live in his way.

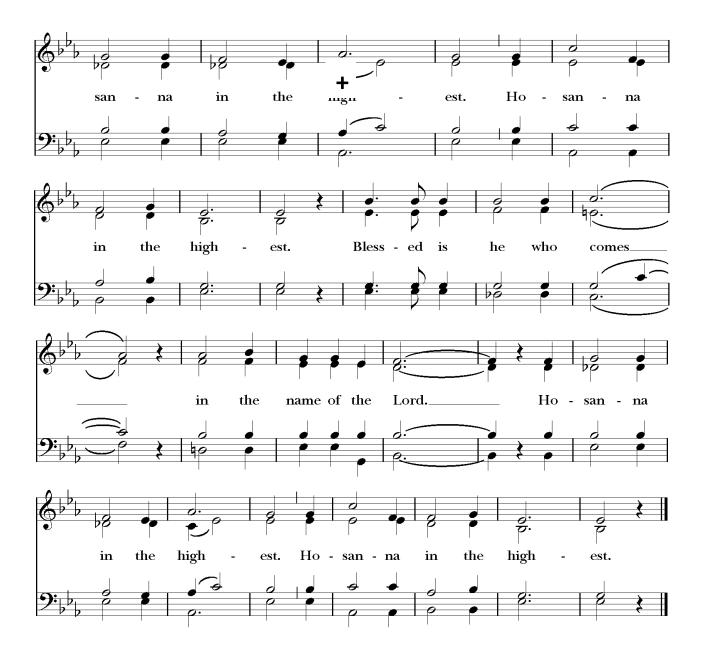
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Celebrant and People

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 people stand or kneel. 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

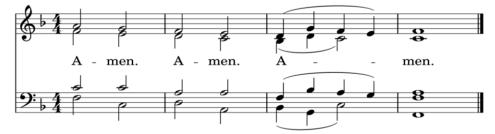
*The Celebrant continues* 

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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts 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. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



The people remain standing

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

(At 8:00 a.m.)

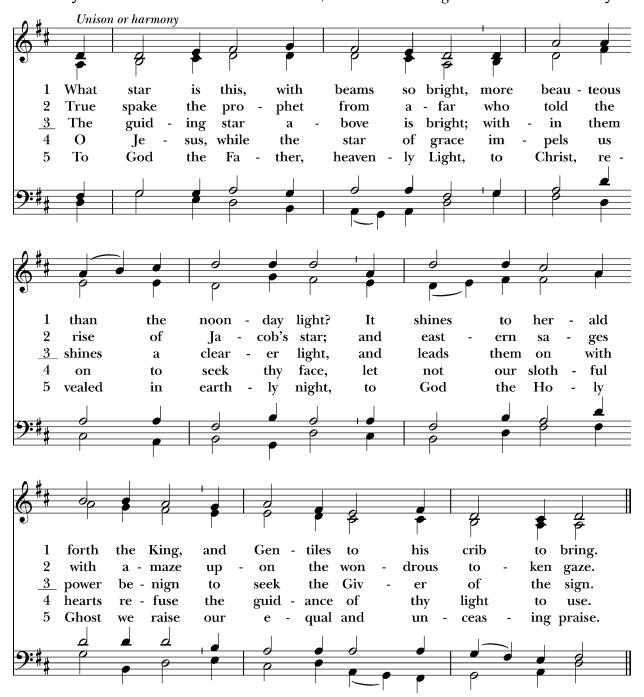
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for you, the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving *Amen*.

Communion Norms—We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest.



The Post Communion Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus (Church of England)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing for the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus (Church of England)

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

### The Announcements



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### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### **Weekend Services**

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Both services are followed by Coffee Hour

### **Thursday Services**

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline

### Office Hours

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

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