

Welcome to **SAINT MARK'S CHURCH**

January 12, 2025 at 8 & 10 AM

*The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Year C*

+ --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—Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)
*—A Parishioner's Favorite Hymn Pick
Please silence all cell phones

Welcome to Saint Mark's! Today is one of four occasions in the year particularly appropriate for the celebration of Holy Baptism. (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. In Holy Baptism, each person 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 his redemptive ministry. All those who are baptized are anointed and marked as Christ's own and they are received "into the flock of Christ." They join with that household in confessing the faith of Christ, 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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1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
 2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right - eous - ness," he said.
 3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
 4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
 5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.

1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
 2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.
 3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
 4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right - eous - ness.
 5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

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

The Celebrant and People say the Collect for Purity

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.

(at 8:00 a.m.)

A Song of Praise— Canticlę 13 *Benedictus es, Domine*

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.*

(at 10:00 a.m.)

A Song of Praise— Canticlę 13 *Benedictus es, Domine*

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1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
 God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
 _ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

DESCANT
5. Glo - ry to you, be -
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, 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 43:1-7*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

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.

The Epistle – Acts 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. **Fine**

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,
 wa - ter.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. **D.C.**

The Gospel – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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



As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

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

Sermon

Fr. Chris Jubinski

+ 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: on this Day of Pentecost, the Church calls us to celebrate the gifts of the Spirit, and as a sign of our baptism in the Spirit calls on us to renew our Baptismal Vows and reaffirm once again the promises which bind us to Christ and to each other.

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

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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 *The Leader and People pray responsively*

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 in all places, remembering especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, and for Chris our priest. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray today for The Church of the Province of West Africa. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray this week for the Staff & Board of Directors of the Mercer School, Christ Church (*Port Jefferson*), St. James' (*Elmhurst*), St. Andrew's (*Brooklyn*), St. Ann's (*Bridgethampton*), St. John the Baptist (*Center Moriches*), and the Episcopal Urban Caucus. We pray 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 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 those lacking food or heat, those who work with refugees and those fleeing violence, and for all who are in need of our prayers, especially remembering those affected by wildfires in California, the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Armenia, Haiti, Syria, and the United States of American, and those on our prayer list. (*You are invited to offer up prayers for any need or concern.*) We pray that in Christ the Beloved they may find new hope and peace. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For those who have died, especially remembering Pamela Shields. (*You are invited to name those you wish to have remembered.*) We pray that having been reborn in baptism, they may 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 name their own thanksgivings.*) We also give thanks this week for John Stewart and Julia Grace Melo who are celebrating their birthdays.

For a Birthday - *O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on John and Julia 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 Norma-Jeanne & Paul Okula in loving memory of Norma Stamer-Newlove, Norma-Jeanne's mother and by Sundy Schermeyer in loving memory of her grandparents Arma & Ruth Andon.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Glory 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 Peace

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

The people sit.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn

Shall we gather at the river

LEVAS 141

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Presentation of the 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 Doxology – Gloria Patri*

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

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.

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 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.

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand.

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 Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Breaking of the Bread—Agnus Dei

§ 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system ends with a fermata over the final note. The second system also ends with a fermata. The third system ends with a fermata. The fourth system ends with a double bar line.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for 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. Instead, you may keep your wafer visible in your hands and Fr. Chris will intinct for you and place the wafer on your on your tongue.** 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. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.

Communion Hymn

Be not afraid

WLP 811

*You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.*

Refrain: *Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.*

*If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all. Refrain:*

*Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you! Refrain:*

Text and Music Bob Dufford SJ

Post Communion Prayer

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 Season of Epiphany

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May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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



1 From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man-hood from hu -
 2 He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der -
 3 The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who
 4 He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his
 5 Who then, my Lord, com - pares with you? The Watch - er slept, the



1 man - i - ty; his priest - hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his
 2 ness did fast; he taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his
 3 were in sin; he for the right - eous did re - jice but
 4 word was given; and he de - scend - ed to the earth and
 5 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the

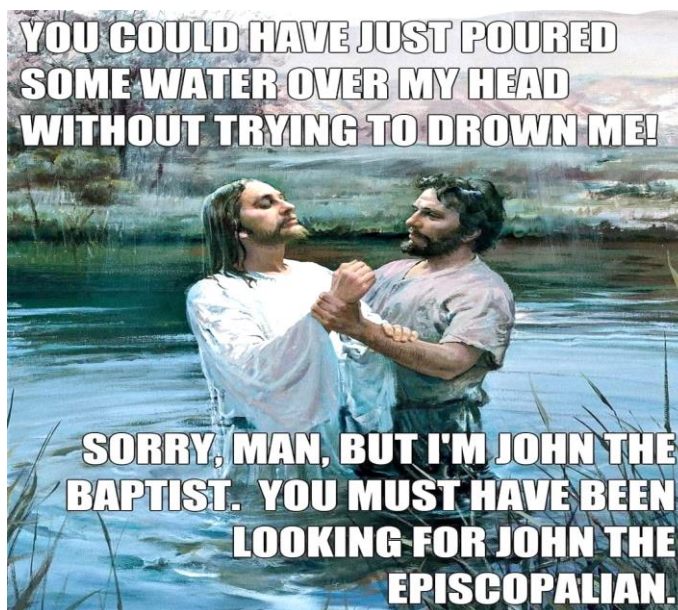


1 roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.
 2 peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.
 3 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.
 4 his work done, went up to heaven: praised be his com - ing.
 5 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

The Dismissal

LEM Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!





BULLETIN INSERTS

January 12, 2025 – Epiphany 1 (C) Epiphany Bible Study: Week 1

During the season of Epiphany, The Episcopal Church's Office of Global Partnerships is offering a weekly Bible study prepared by writers across the church and Anglican Communion. Each piece, consisting of the Sunday readings, can be studied alone, in small groups, or even with a congregation. You can find the whole study for each week at www.sermonsthatwork.org. This week's study for Epiphany 1 (C) was written by **the Rev. David Copley**, director of Global Partnerships and Mission Personnel. He has served on the churchwide staff since 2006.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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Commentary from David Copley

I can imagine the scene: A long line of people who have heard the preaching of John, a voice crying in the wilderness to all who would listen. His calling was one of repentance and forgiveness as he baptized the throng of humanity with water along the banks of the Jordan. Jesus arrives and joins the end of the line, waiting patiently for his baptism by John. Fully God and fully human, Jesus lines up with the brokenness of humanity and in solidarity with them. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, he becomes of part of who we are in our humanity as wounded people, not fully saint or fully sinner, just human beings in all our frailty. Jesus become part of who we are in this world. After John's baptism, Jesus is filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit and declared the Son of God. Fully human as he lined up with the people to receive John's baptism and fully the Son of God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism marks the beginning of our faith journey with our siblings in Christ and our journey as children of God. Baptism reminds us that we are filled with the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever. Learning to fully experience and live into that reality is a lifelong adventure with Christ. As children of God, we are called to live out our baptismal vows in prayer and action, recognizing that all humanity and creation are part of God's care and that we are siblings in Christ with our neighbors in all the world.

Discussion Questions

Where in your life have you lined up with those who are different than yourself and joined in solidarity with others who are also broken and needy?

How are you stretching yourself in your life journey into experiencing the Holy Spirit through the presence of others?

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 01/13	Church Office Closed
Wednesday, 01/15	12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting – Atwater Room
Thursday, 01/16	10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
Saturday, 01/18	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Winter Market in the Parish Hall
Sunday, 01/19	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Participants	
LEM	Virginia Gilmore
Lector	Tom Simson
Usher	Tom Simson
Altar Guild	Diane Stewart, Virginia Gilmore
Coffee Hour	Carol Johns, Virginia Connolly
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Participants	
LEM	Carol Fitton
Lector	William Glover
Ushers	Tim Feil, Kevin Tunney
Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti, Karen Love
Coffee Hour	Helen Horton
<u>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Diane Feil	01/01
Rosemarie Alario	01/12
Donna Turner	01/06
Fr. Chris Jubinski	01/08
Natalie Williamson	01/11
John Stewart	01/18
Julia Grace Melo	01/18
Deborah Caccavano	01/19
Madelyn Zayicek	01/23
Dr. Eric Christensen	01/26
Richmond Gardner	01/29
Jackie Moss	01/29
Roy Bradbook	01/29
Nancy Connett	01/31
<u>JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
John & Diane Stewart	01/04
Tom & Yolande Hadlock	01/17

<u>Services</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On Line</u>
01/05 Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.	19	
01/05 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	36	56
Total	55	56
01/05 Private Communion		4
01/09 Holy Eucharist—The Villa		8
01/09 Private Communion		2

Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And, remember the People of the Middle East, Armenia, Ukraine, Haiti, Syria, and the United States of America too!

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Norma-Jeanne & Paul Okula in loving memory of Norma Stamer-Newlove, Norma-Jeanne's mother and by Sundy Schermeyer in loving memory of her grandparents, Arma & Ruth Andon.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF HOUSES - During the Epiphany Season, an old tradition exists to bless homes in the new year. Please let me know if you would like me to come and bless your house. – *Chris +*

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY CHILLI COOKOFF – Sunday, February 9th starting at 6:00 p.m. A formal invite with a place to RSVP will be emailed out.

CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE: If you are not listed in the directory OR if you are having trouble logging in to the app, please call the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS– If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar during the month of February contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. There are two vases available for February 2nd & 9th, and one vase on the 16th & 23rd. Each vase is \$40. Please contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

THIS COMING THURSDAY THERE WILL BE BIBLE STUDY AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE ATWATER ROOM AND MID-WEEK HEALING SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE RECTOR'S OFFICE.

WINTER MARKET: If you haven't already, check out the Winter Market in our Parish Hall every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Kurt Andon (Req. by Sundy Schermeyer), **Aubrey** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Ridgie Barnett** (Parishioner), **Bentley** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Bishop Provenzano**, **Bridget** (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), **Rich Cassavano** (Parishioner), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Abby Connett** (Req. by Nancy Connett), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Jason Gordon** (by Kate Gabrielsen), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Max Gorman** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris' Parents), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), **John & Anita Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Earl Meyers** (Jinny Gilmore), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Carol Marin**, (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Kenneth Reeves** (husband of Louise Reeves), **Betty Rose Richardson**, (by Victoria Garcia), **Jean Scopinich** (Parishioner), **Diane Stewart** (Parishioner) **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia), **Victoria DiRocco** (Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter), **John Henwood** (Fr. Chris & Carol's Brother-in-Law), **Michael Rees** (Brother of Victoria Garcia), **Robbie Urban** (Req. by Jennifer Kast), **Amanda Cacoperdo** (Req. by Tim Feil)

(If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.)

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



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Fall-Winter Weekend Church Services

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

Thursday Midweek Service

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.

All Members of Saint Mark's are Ministers of the Church!

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano—*Bishop of Long Island*
The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF—*Assisting Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. William Franklin—*Assisting Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey—*Assisting Bishop*

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The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie—*Priest-in-Residence*
Stephen Hunt—*Director of Music*
Kate Gabrielsen—*Parish Administrator*
Chris Adams—*Facilities Manager*
Rosanna Davis—*Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool*
Diane Stewart—*Warden*
Tom Horan —*Warden*

Vestry Members:

Steve DeCaro, Diane Feil, Madeline Glover
Tom Hadlock, Marjorie Kulesa, Ashley Lueck,
Barbara Pettus, Steve Turner and Sandy Wyman

Thomas Simson—*Treasurer*
Carol Fitton – *Clerk of the Vestry*

