

Holy Eucharist

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 28, 2024 (One Service at 9 a.m.)

**Annual Meeting after Service**



WE SEEK TO UNITE ALL PEOPLE WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP,  
FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE

*Welcome! We are glad you are here.*

Prelude: Medley of Today's Hymns

Choral Call to Worship: Seek the Lord (S-217:1-3)

Processional Hymn 493: O For A Thousand Tongues.....Azmon

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

Gloria: S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father,  
Amen.**

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

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 111**

1 Hallelujah!

    I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
    in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*

    they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
    and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
    the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
    he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
    in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
    all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
    because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 339: Deck Thyself, My Soul.....Schmucke Dich

### **Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Homily (Please be seated)

Fr. RJ

**THE NICENE CREED (Please Stand as You Are Able)**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Pray especially for Pat, Ten, Vonda, Henry, Jim, Jane, and Ron and all on our prayer lists

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest, stands and says*

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

### THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Please remain in your place and greet one another with a non-contact greeting.*

### PARISH NOTICES

#### PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, we thank you for those among us whose lives together are a sign of Christ's love to the world, and we thank you especially this day for those who are celebrating their anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

#### Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: In Times Like These.....Ruth Caye Jones

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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 adds a proper preface

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

S-130. .... Franz Schubert

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (x2)  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (x2)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (x2)**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

**AMEN.**

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.***

**COMMUNION**      *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

Communion Music: Prayer (Judas Maccabeus)..... Handel, arr. Martin

#### *PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION*

*To Be Said By Those Online and Other Choosing Not to Receive the Sacrament*

*In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I pray that You come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. Amen.*

#### *Post Communion Prayer*

**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.**

#### *Blessing*

Recessional Hymn 593: Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace.....Dickinson College  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

## Altar Flowers:

In Celebration of the 9th Birthday of Johnny P. Willoughby - John and Tory Willoughby

## BOB'S MUSIC NOTES

"In Times Like These," words and music, came from the pen of self-taught pastor's wife Ruth Jones, mother of five, who had an Erie PA radio program in 1943. News of the war's atrocities, combined with the clock on her desk chiming the Westminster Strike, inspired her, with the catchy refrain "Be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock."

"O For A Thousand Tongues" is a well-known gem from Charles Wesley's pen. He and his brother John were studying with Moravian Bishop Peter Bohler who remarked, "Had I a thousand tongues I would praise God with all of them." Musician Glaser was a student at the church school in Leipzig made famous by Bach a century before. American educator Mason adapted the tune. John Wesley so loved this hymn that he assigned it No. 1 in his hymnals.

"Deck Thyself" tells us to adorn our souls with gladness, since we're going to a banquet made in heaven. Catherine Winkworth translated Johann Franck's poetry. Franck was not only an attorney but a master of words with over 100 texts to his credit. Composer Cruger's tune was a great favorite of Bach and Brahms. Cruger is best known for "Now Thank We All Our God."

"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace" is a paraphrase of St. Francis' famous poem by Jesuit James Quinn. "Dickinson College" in Carlisle PA was an institution favored by Bristol, hence the tune name. Lee Hastings Bristol's grandfather founded Bristol-Myers, for whom Lee worked for a while. He then went on to academic and musical pursuits with 11 honorary doctorates from England and the USA. He was president of Westminster Choir College 1962-1969.

As we begin the new year 2024 please consider making flower dedications for the year. Each dedication is \$20 and may be made in memory of (IMO), in celebration of (ICO), in honor of (IHO), and in thanksgiving for (ITF). Include the date for the dedication in the bulletin. Checks should be made out to St. Mark's Altar Guild. Dedication sheets are available in the back of church.

--Thank you! Altar Guild

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 23:  
Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. on Zoom

### **January Anniversaries**

16 Mark and Kim Nadel  
24 Fred and Roberta Zollinger

### **January Birthdays**

3 Sara Strattan  
4 Livvy Mull  
6 John Willoughby  
8 Rick Crowl  
10 Debbie Shellhammer  
18 Julie Werren  
25 Barrie Thorp, Ten Gall

### **Servers this Sunday, January 28:**

Eucharistic Ministers 9:00am: Sara Strattan, Judy Hixon  
Acolyte: Brooks Deuble, Colin Jenkins  
Ushers: Kent Clark, Gene Little  
Altar Guild: Deuble, Hines, Wise, and Violand

### **Servers next Sunday, February 4:**

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Diana Cornell  
Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Derek Gordon, Pam McCarthy  
Acolyte: Joe Hoot, Danny Holihan  
Ushers: John Willoughby, Gary Mull  
Altar Guild: Paulette Frech, Bobbi Gordon, Carol Popovich

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Pat Julian, Ten Gall, Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, & Ron Brookes

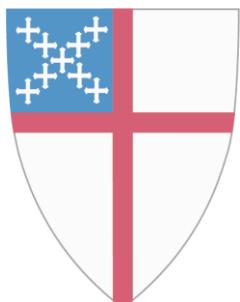
**Family and Friends:** Father Amjad & Molly Samuel (acquaintance of friends of Father RJ); Dr. Mallamaci (acquaintance of Bobbi Zollinger); Jeanette Moore (Louise Moore's daughter); Jolanda Mull, Dr. Sandy Lopater, Kirk Schuring, Pam Lagodich, & Bill Allen (sister-in-law & friends of the Mulls); Earl Hoot (father of Joe Hoot); Chuck Boone (cousin of Bruce Hixon), Ashley Stockman (friend of Katie & Ryan Kuceyeski); Tim Swihart & Michelle Graber (friends of the Gordons); Larry Aclaska & Judy Heisser-Turner (acquaintance & sister of Bert Heisser); Lee, Theresa, & Addelyn, and Chuck Boone (friends & cousin of the Hixons); Nori Shawk (friend of Brynn Pelger); Alison & Johnny Willoughby (friend & grandson of the Willoughbys); Middle East & Heather Armington (request & friend of the Watters); Jane King; Elaine Campbell (friend of the Turners); Sammy (friend of Leslie Redmon); Bob Rownd (friend of John Werren & Anne Coen); Melanie & Trish (friends of Paulette Frech); Pat Walter & family (friend of Barb Whitehouse); Don Martin & Mark Osterhage (classmate & neighbor of the Watters); Alycia Geis (Karen Violand's friend's daughter); Don & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan (husband & sister of Barb Siegfried); DaNay Jackson (friend of Ron Brookes); Allison Cornell-Hood, Jody Serentsis, & Anne Higgins (daughter & friends of Diane Cornell); Finnigan Savage (friend of Pam McCarthy); Jimmy Little (son of Sue Little); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Tony Donahue (friend of the Boyds); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); David (acquaintance of the Nadel's).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

### Prayer Chain

*St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.*



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