

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

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE: Medley of Today's Hymns

Choral Call to Worship: Seek the Lord (S-217:1,2,3)

Processional Hymn 436: Lift Up Your Heads..... **Truro**

OPENING ACCLAMATION **BCP, p. 355**

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-278 **BCP, p 356**

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 everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING:..... Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM..... Psalm 24:7-10

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 517: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place..... Bro. James' Air

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

SERMON Fr. RJ

THE NICENE CREED BCP, p 358

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..... BCP, p 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

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, especially Ten, Vonda, Jim,
Jane, and Ron;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to Johnny Willoughby and all 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.
Silence

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION BCP, p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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 BCP, p. 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS..... BCP, p. 830

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 Anthem: Do Lord, Remember Me..... Trad. Spiritual, arr. Work

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING The Doxology (Hymn 380, St 3)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A.....BCP, p. 361

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.**

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

The Celebrant adds a preface and then proceeds:

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

S-130 Franz Schubert

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.

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:

**(sung) 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 forever. **AMEN. (X3 Sung)**

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

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

Response: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S-164 Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace

COMMUNION:

All baptized persons are welcome to take communion.

Please let the Priest know if you would prefer a gluten free wafer.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

To Be Said By Those Online and Others 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 345: Savior, Again..... Ellers

As the candles are extinguished the people sing:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Bob's Music Notes

"Lift Up Your Heads" was the work of a Prussian whose twenty-some hymns are still in the repertoire. Catherine Winkworth spent time in Germany and honed her translating skills. The tune started life in 1789 and America's first great music educator Lowell Mason arranged it.

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" comes from 1650 with stanzas 3 and 4 by modern master Carl Daw, Anglican priest and poet. James Leith Macbeth Bain was a Scottish minister known as Brother James.



"Savior, Again" is the quintessential closing hymn. I adore its touching sentiments about having begun and ending the day with God. Author Ellerton was a British divine and honorary canon of St. Alban's. Composer Hopkins was honored by the Archbishop of Canterbury and was active in all aspects of British musical life.

Next week our own Patrick Julian will offer a concert setting of Holst's "Thaxted" from "The Planets" on his trumpet.

Altar Flowers Today

*IN MEMORY OF JOHNNY WILLOUGHBY 10TH BIRTHDAY- JOHN & TORY
WILLOUGHBY*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 5

4 pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

6 pm- Vestry Meeting

Monday, February 10

1 pm- Knitting, Family Room

3 pm- Book Club

Wednesday, February 12

4 pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Rick Werren
- 5 Caroline Willoughby
Lesley Kiesling
- 7 Tom Turner
- 11 Peggy Peretzky
- 15 Ron Brookes
- 22 Lauren Hoot
- 23 MaryAnn Kiesling

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Bill and Beck Rand
- 18 Ashley and Jess Hostetter
- 6 John Willoughby
- 23 Brad and Sandi Kaustinen



Servers next Sunday, February 2:

Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Diana Cornell

10 am: Pam McCarthy, Bruce Schutrum

Lector: 8 am: Doug Carey

10 am: Colin Jenkins

Acolytes: Danny Holihan

Ushers: John Willoughby, Gary Mull

Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Karen Violand

Servers next Sunday, February 9:

Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Sara Strattan

10 am: Bruce Hixon, Judy Hixon

Acolytes: Danny Holihan, Heather Thomas

Ushers: Richard Crawl, Wayne Paradis

Altar Guild: Beth Crawl, Paulette Frech



PRAYER CONCERNS

Have compassion on: Ten Gall, Vonda Temelkoff, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Brooks, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

For those who have died: Earl Hoot and Craig Kerner

Family & Friends: **Katheleen Philippsborn** (sister of Tom Turner) + **Machelle Wells** (friend of Jaime Heinzman) + **The Willoughby Family** + **Baby Ulysses** (MaryAnn Kiesling's 2nd cousin's grandson) + **Linda Young** (Marcia Kiesling's mother) + **Kimberly Nugent** (daughter of the Thorps) + **Grosschmidt family** (friends of the Nadels) + **Father Jon Coventry** (Trinity Episcopal Church - Alliance) + Jimmy Little (son of Sue Little) + **Patti & Jack Freeder and Kim Milinkovich** (former members of St. Marks) + **Alison** (friend of the Willoughbys) + **Jane McBride** (mother of Beth Crowl) + **Tom** (brother-in-law of AnJane McConville) + **Gail and Judy Shumway** (friend, sister-in-law, & co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter) + **Dr. Mallamaci** (acquaintance of Bobbi Zollinger) + **Jolonda Mull & Pam Lagodich** (sister-in-law & friend of the Mulls) + **Scott Jones, Val Hiner-Donlon, Rick Ciminelli, & Harold Freedman** (cousin & friend of the Gordons) + **Larry Aclaska & Judy Heisser-Turner** (acquaintance & sister of Bert Heisser) + **Lee, Theresa, & Chuck Boone** (friends & cousin of the Hixons) + **Lucas Anderson & family and Clarice Lough** (friends of the Watters) + **Melanie & Trish** (friends of Paulette Frech) + **Pat Walter & family** (friend of Barb Whitehouse) + **Alycia Geis** (Karen Violand's friend's daughter) + **Don Siegfried and Janet Sheatzley-Morgan** (husband and sister of Barb Siegfried) + **Allison Cornell-Hood & Anne Higgins** (daughter & friend of Diane Cornell) + **Finnigan Savage** (friend of Pam McCarthy) + **Tony Donahue** (friend of the Boyds) + **David** (acquaintance of the Nadels) + **Bobbi Lenzi** (Becky Watter's sister) + **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 on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.



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