

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 24th, 2021

Worship Service available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxyWa1MVzYk&feature=youtu.be>

Prelude: Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Hymn: *The Summons*

The Faith We Sing #2130

Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

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

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.*

Celebrant: Collect for Purity

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer 215

Give us grace, O Lord, to readily answer the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

***Congregation:* Collect for St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

Gracious God, through your Fatherly goodness, make St. Mark's a Christian community united to serve others; enrich our life in Christ, that we might celebrate and share Christ's love; and send your Holy Spirit to give us strength and courage to proclaim the Good News of your love through word and deed. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah (Jonah 3:1-5)

Reader: Dr. John Campbell

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62

Peter A. Madpak, Cantor

Refrain: In God alone ins my soul at rest, The God who is my help.
The Lord is my rock, my strength and my hope, my fortress, my God.

Verses: Only in God is my soul at rest, from God comes my salvation.
God is my rock, the salvation of my life.
I shall not be shaken, for the Lord is my strength! (Refrain)

Only in God is my soul at rest, from God comes my hope.
God is my rock, my salvation and my hope.
I will rest in the Lord. I will not be afraid! (Refrain)

Glory and safety, God is my joy, God is my rock and my strength.
God is my refuge, I trust with all my strength.
Pour out your hearts, before the Lord! (Refrain)

A Reading from St. Paul first letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 7:29-31) Reader: Dr. Jon Campbell

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mike Rau

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 IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your
love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor
one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the
service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one
another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their
troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that
we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Anthem: *Let This Mind Be in You*

arr. Craig Courtney

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 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 God 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.

Proper Preface of the day said by Celebrant

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:

Sanctus

S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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 stand or kneel. Then 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,
*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.*

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 St. Mark 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. *AMEN.*

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

Fraction Anthem

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the
fine
bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu ia, is the com -
D.C. al fine
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ.

Act of Reception

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every Altar of your church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection, I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of your body and blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse me of my sins and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Anthem: *Broken Yet Chosen*

Mark A. Miller

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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.

The Blessing

Hymn: *Christ is the World's True Light*

Hymnal 542

The Dismissal: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Gigue Fugue – BuxWV 174*

D. Buxtehude

*The flowers on the altar are given
in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary,
By Bob & Jo Williams*

WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS:

St. Mark's 2021 Annual Meeting, January 31st, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom. Meeting ID 936 8509 1826 passcode 941. Limited seating in Gray Hall will be available to watch the Zoom meeting. Contact the office by January 29th to register to view the meeting from Gray Hall. None of the meeting presenters will be in Gray Hall. This year's vestry elections will be completed by mail ballots. Watch for your ballot in the mail with instructions for receiving the annual report. We will start the meeting at 5:30 for an opportunity to say hello and greet each other before the Annual Meeting. Father Mike and Melissa Rau will be participating on the Zoom meeting. Meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/93685091826?pwd=K3RksS2l2NE11dHVnenAzLy9mc2FmUT09>

"In-person" Worship - Sundays at 8:00 and 9:30 am. Seating is limited. Please register to reserve your seat on our website: <https://stmarksvenice.com/services> or by calling the office. Registration opens Tuesday for the following Sunday's service. For more details, please contact the office.

"In-person" Outside Worship - Saturdays 4:30 pm. Join us outside on the labyrinth for the Saturday Evening Eucharist Service. No reservations are required, we will ask you to sign in when you attend. Mask and social distancing will be the norm. We will have outdoor chairs available or you can bring your own chair. Contact the office with questions.

Coffee Hour, Sundays at 10:00 am. Grab your cup of coffee and join us for some fellowship via [Zoom meetings](#). Sit at your own table and enjoy the weekly conversation about this and that! For more information on Zoom or for help starting Zoom, please contact the church office or check out www.zoom.us. Zoom is an easy video/audio conferencing application. You can join with audio only from any regular telephone.

Drive-Through Communion – Sundays at 11 a.m. – Noon. You are invited to receive Holy Communion from the safety of your car. While this is an unusual approach, we do long to share the blessing of Holy Eucharist as part of our Sunday celebration of prayer and thanksgiving. Please enter the parking lot behind Gray Hall via Riviera Street.

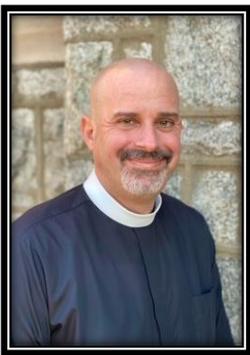
Men's Morning Fellowship – Tuesdays at 10 am. Weekly opportunity for Men's fellowship. Normally during the pandemic, the meetings have been held online **via Zoom**. Please contact the church office for the Zoom meeting details.

Morning Prayer under the Oaks on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 9:30 am. We now have chairs available or you can still bring your own chair, masks are required. We have leaflets available or you may bring your own BCP.

Wired Word Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Weekly Bible study for Adults via Zoom. Lessons are based on the week's news that usually spark stimulating discussions. Please contact the office for the Zoom meeting details.

St. Mark's Book Circle. Next meeting February 16th at 10:00 am in Gray Hall. February's book is *Dead Wake – The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, by Erik Larson. This group meets the third Tuesday each month, with summer vacation May-September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



We are excited to welcome our new rector, The Rev. Michael Rau! We are planning many different opportunities to get to know him as he settles in at St. Mark's. Some of our congregation may first meet Fr. Mike online, others will meet him in person; some will first get to know him through the liturgy, or through his preaching; still others will first meet him through their ministry...we trust he will be with us for a long, long time and there will be time for each of us to get to know him--our new rector, pastor, and spiritual leader.

Fr. Mike will preach at the 4:30 outdoor service on **Saturday, January 30th**, and both the 8:00 and 9:30 services on **Sunday, January 31st**. Our current reservation system will continue in place. We ask that all who wish to attend services make their reservations through the online system or by calling the office. Each Sunday's sign-up begins on the Tuesday prior to that date.

We ask that you please use the computer system if you are able. Remember if you do not see confirmation numbers you have not completed the online process. If you are unable to use the computer, you may call in to the office beginning each Tuesday registration period.

When you go to our website to sign up between Tuesdays through Thursday, if the registration reads “closed,” please call the office. Throughout the registration period we must regularly adjust the count depending on the size of groups attending; if you have tried between adjustments, there may yet be space available. When you call the office, if there is no space available, we will let you know, and keep your name to register for the following week, or to call if we decide to add additional services.

More plans are underway! When the Bishop can be present, there will be a Service of Installation, officially celebrating Fr. Mike’s ministry here. We will be planning opportunities for Fr. Rau to meet with ministry groups: the Ushers, Altar Guild, ECW, Tuesday Morning Men’s Group, and others. Opportunities will be both online and in-person, inside and out! Fr. Mike will be in our community in worship, in service, and in fellowship as COVID-19 precautions allow. We will continue to respond to the needs of St. Mark’s community ever mindful of safety, and respecting our differing health requirements.



INTERCESSIONS: For the universal Church; for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury; the Anglican Communion; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Julio, Bishop of our Companion Diocese; for St. Mark’s Clergy; for a resolution to the conflict in the Middle East; for civilian workers; for military chaplains; our service personnel, their families; victims of terror and abuse everywhere; for all those suffering due to disasters of nature.

THE SICK: Jean Alfano, Chad Alley, Milt Barnes, John Barr, Emma Bentley, Sue Bickenton, Joyce Bishop, Patricia Blow, Barbara & Ed Boucher, Barry Briggs, Gibb Brownlie, Genevieve Brussee, Scott Buckley, Dick Bull, Betty Caldwell, Jackson Carmichael, Kayce Caswell, Loretta Cunningham, Donne Cutting, Janie Davis, Ron Davis, Carole Doll, Connie Dowry, Shari Duval, John Eichman, Rodney Eller, Evelyn Eisenhower, Chris Emmons, Mack Emmons, Judy Epperson, Robert Evans, Ouida Felker, Clint Ferrazzo, Dan Flatt, Lyn Ford, Alan Freeman, Jerry Freischlag, Bob Fritche, Flora Garsten, Michael Gavin, Lynda Geyer, Jason Goss, Betty Graves, Jennifer Grieger, Joshua Griffin, Douglas Griffith, Anne Grubb, Steve Grupp, Tracy Hagar, Meredith and Allan Hardman, Woody Harvey, Sue Hatch, Penny Heleman, Kristin Hickey, Hobey Hinchman, Christina Hines, Linda Hintzpeter, Natalie Holcroft, Linda Hopkins, Madeline Horvath, Linda Hubbard, Matt Hulbert, John Hussey, Nancy Hussey, Eleanor Jean, Jennifer, Forrest Jerome, Jill, Joshua Johns, Karen & Steven Kabatski, Molly Kehoe, Robert Kench, Janine Kiddle, Sarah Kipp, Kirstin Knotph, Lee Krumbacher, Mary Krzos, Charles Lakowsky, Pat Lauth, Jennifer & Jack Laules, Joyce Leithauser, Leslie Livinghouse, E. Melvin Lloyd, Bill Luckfield, Scott Macintosh, Anita Marshall, Paul Marshall, Michael Mayo, Willa McCafferty, Victor Mankiewicz, Kim Medvedis, Melissa McCoy, Barbara Minor, Andrea Montgomery, Elizabeth Moser, Pam Motte, Mark Nettesheim, Elizabeth Ord, Rachel Parrish, Lucy Patterson, Deb & Holly Ranieri, Eli Rider, Dori Reiley, Tom Ritzel, Sarah and Aaron Royster, Lora Rzepka, Barbara Sammons, Cynthia Schein, Linda Seerey-Lester, David Sherwood, Liz Shetterly, Helen Sica, David Simmons, Jeff Slang, Doug Small, Rich Smith, Lisa Spears, Nan Stortz, Mike Strasburger, Nancy Tabor, Molly Taylor, Marvin Thomas, Sally Thomas, Harris H. Tibbetts, Jr., Peter Tibbetts, David Todd, Len Van Zinderen, Jim Walker, Eddie Ward, Christopher Warnock, Connie Waymer, Ann Weaver, Bernie Welker, John White, Lisa Whole, Bob Williams, Kathryn Williams, Kourtney Williams, Hubert Willis, Randy Willis, Robert Wills, Tara Wintermute, Jan Wolf, Mark Woodward, Ann Worrall, those in nursing homes and our parish homebound.



The prayers of the Parish family are asked for those who have died:
*Betty Lou Holmes, Ann Oldenkamp, Barbara Haldt, Marilyn Langdon,
Kevin O’Connor, and Mary Lou Powell.*