

# Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
Transfiguration Sunday

February 14th, 2021

Worship Service available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MN6r7vDoT74&feature=youtu.be>

**Prelude:** *Sicilienne*

Maria T. Von Paradis

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

Hymnal 542

**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 217

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 second Book of Kings (2 King 2:1-12)**

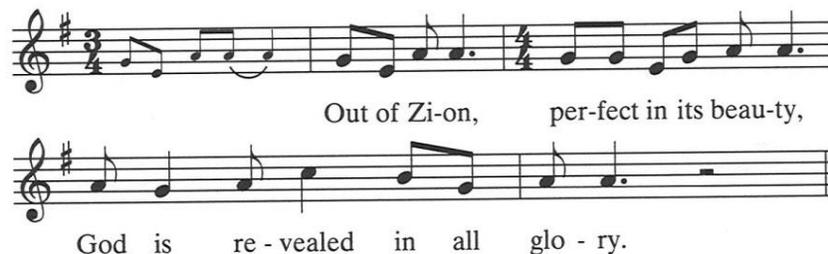
Reader: Judith Roberts

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will

not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 50

Peter A. Madpak, Cantor



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### Verses:

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; the one who has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God is revealed in glory. (R)

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before the Lord is a consuming flame, and round about the Lord a raging storm. God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people. (R)

“Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.” Let the heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause; for God alone is judge. (R)

## A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 4:3-6)

Reader: Lisa Taylor

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. John Warfel

**Nicene Creed**

BCP 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 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.*

### **Absolution**

BCP 360

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

**Anthem:** *Amazing Grace*

Traditional / Mark A. Miller

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*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.

### **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:

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.*

### 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:** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Hymnal 135

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

**Postlude** *Festal Finale*

*John Marsh*

## WEEKLY / MONTHLY / SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** St. Mark's will offer both a virtual and in-person services. The link to the virtual service will be emailed, also available on our website and YouTube channel. The **in-person services will be at 9:30 am. and 5:30 pm.** Reservation will be required for the in-person services and will open on Wednesday 02/10; Register at our website: <https://stmarksvenice.com/services/> Cannot make an in-person service? Pick up At-Home-Ashes from St. Mark's. These can be administered to yourself, your family, etc. At-Home-Ashes will be available for pick up during the Drive-through communion, Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>; and at the church office from 8 am – 4 pm on the following days: Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>; and Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's Morning Fellowship – Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** Weekly opportunity for Men's fellowship. **This week on Tuesday, Feb 16th at 10 am the Men's group will meet in-person on the Labyrinth.** Normally during the pandemic, the meetings have been held online **via Zoom**. Please contact the church office for the Zoom meeting details.

**St. Mark's Book Circle. Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** 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.

**Upcoming Series with Father Mike beginning Wednesday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom:** Join us as we *tie the Easter Vigil readings to the seven practices of the Way of Love*. This series will be continuing for 7 weeks. February 24 TURN: Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ (Romans 6:3-11); March 3 PRAY: Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:10-15:1); March 10 LEARN: Wisdom and Live (Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6); March 17 BLESS: A New Heart and a New Spirit (Ezekiel 36:24-28); March 24 REST: The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14); March 31 WORSHIP: The Gathering of God's People (Zephaniah 3:12-20); April 7 GO: The Empty Tomb (Luke 24:1-12). Zoom Meeting ID: 948 1580 8175 and Passcode: 941, or [meeting link](#).

**ECW Quiet Day, Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 am at DaySpring.** Quiet day is a special time to gather for mediation and reflection. The facilitators this year will be Deacon Joyce Treppa and Dr. Jon Campbell. Social distancing and masking protocols will be required. The cost for participation is \$15.00 per person which includes lunch. Advance payment is your registration for Quiet Day. Payments can be made by mail, in person at the church office, dropped in the collections plate at any in-person service, or online at our donation page, select the fund for ECW Quiet Day. Please make your check payable to St. Mark's ECW, if you are paying for more than one person, please indicate the attendee names in the memo line. **Deadline to register is March 1st, 2021.**

**ECW Monthly Eucharist and Program, Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 10:00 am.** We hope you will join us for our next general meeting. Beginning with the service of morning prayer with Eucharist will be followed by a brief report on ECW activities. Then we plan to have a healthcare representative share information about the various COVID vaccines, the ongoing process in obtaining them and the progress made in ensuring citizens are protected from the virus. Social distancing and masking protocols will be required.

**"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](http://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.

**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. ***No Morning Prayer on Ash Wednesday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.***

**Wired Word Discussion Group – Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Weekly meeting for Adults via Zoom. Lessons are based on the week's news, with scriptural references that usually spark stimulating discussions. ***During Lent the Wired Word group will NOT be meeting.***

**Youth Group – Wednesday evenings** – 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades meet at 6:00 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades meet at 7:00 p.m.



**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, Robert Olivieri, 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:  
*Ann Oldenkamp, Marilyn Langdon, Mary-Louise Powell, Kevin O'Connor,  
June Blackmore-Glover, Ann Wagenknecht Wilson*