

s. mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*  
*Reverend Trevor R. Babb +*  
*January 18, 2026*  
*8:30 and 10:30 Services*

## The Holy Eucharist

Opening acclamation

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**O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.**

**Psalm 43:3**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #535 “Ye Servants  
of God”**

### OPENING ACCCLAMATION

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

*People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and  
for ever. 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*** (*Said at 8:30 and Sung S280 at 10:30*)  
***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.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### COLLECT FOR Martin Luther King Jr.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."  
And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength--  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 40: 1-12

*Expectans, expectavi*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
    he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
    he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing  
    sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
    a song of praise to our God; \*  
    many shall see, and stand in awe,  
    and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
    they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
    how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
    there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
    but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
    (you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
    and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
    'I love to do your will, O my God;  
    your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
    behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
    and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
    I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
    I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the  
    great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord;  
    do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
    let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever..

***Glory to the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit as it was in the  
beginning is now and will be forever. Amen***

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN : 1982 #706 “In Your Mercy Lord You Called Me”**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1: 29-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People: ***Glory to you Lord Christ.***

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***Sermon***

***Reverend Trevor R. Babb +***

## The Nicene Creed

*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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

People: ***That we all may be one.***

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

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

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; We pray for Bishops Sean, Sam and Jennifer. We pray for Father Garry, Father Trevor, Rev. Linda, and Rev Daisy.

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

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

People: ***That there may be justice and peace on earth.***

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

People: ***That our work may find favor in your sight.***

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

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

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

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

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

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

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.***

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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY HYMN: 1982 #599 Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm29)

### DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Him all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,*

### SALUTATION AND SURSUM CORDA

*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.***

*Celebrant:* 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:

**SANCTUS : 1982 Hymnal S125 "Holy Holy Holy Lord+**

***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.***

*(People may kneel or stand.)*

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.***

*Celebrant:* 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 Mark 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 forever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 (Jesus Lamb of God S161 10:30)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
*have mercy on us.***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
*have mercy on us.***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
*grant us peace.***

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

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.

**All: *Jesu my God I thee adore, O make me love you more and more.***

### ***At the Communion***

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.*
- *All are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available. Indicate by crossing fingers.*

**COMMUNION HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #693“Just as I am”**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

***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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Blessing

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: LEVAS #46 “Blessed Martin Pastor, Prophet” (See Next page)**

THE DISMISSAL

*LEM:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

## Blessed Martin, Pastor, Prophet

(January 15 or April 4)



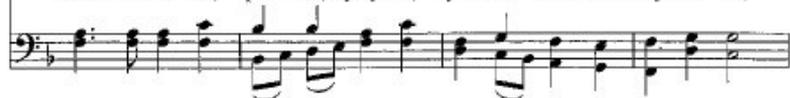
1. Ho - ly God, you raise up proph - ets; Praise and hon - or do we sing,
2. Mo - ral con - science of his na - tion, Re - con - cil - ing black and white,
3. Teach - er of Christ - like non - vio - lence To the out - cast, poor and meek;
4. Preach - er of Christ's love for neigh - bor, He won No - bel's prize for peace;



1. For your faith - ful, hum - ble ser - vant, Doc - tor Mar - tin Luth - er King.
2. Dreamed he of a just so - cie - ty, we must car - ry on his fight.
3. Great - er weap - on 'gainst op - pres - sion Is to turn the o - ther cheek.
4. Peo - ples, beat your swords to plough - shares, Wars 'twixt na - tions all shall cease.

*Refrain*

Bless - ed Mar - tin, pas - tor, proph - et, you the moun - tain - top did see;



Bless - ed Mar - tin, ho - ly mar - tyr: "Pray that we may \_ all be free."



5. Champion of oppressed humanity  
Suff'ring throughout all the world;  
He offered pride and dignity  
Let Christ's banner be unfurled!

*Refrain*

6. So, when felled by sniper's bullet,  
Under heavens overcast,  
He could cry, "Thank God Almighty,  
I am free, I'm free at last!"

*Refrain*

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*Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God  
by St. Mark's Episcopal Church.*

*St. Mark's Prayer List*

*We pray especially for: Marion Johannsson, Mary Zacharias,  
Beth Hunt, Marsha Phillips, Saunders Black, Martha Ann  
Springer, Michael Marecheau, Paul and Michelle Cravetz,  
Angela Worme, Maureen Pollard, Canon Franklin Morales &  
family, Brady McKay, Clarence Harrington, Mary Walton,  
John Osborne, Mark Gies, Beth Wilson, and Bri Molony.*

*We continue to pray for the success and growth of the following  
ministries La Escuelita San Marcos, Ranson Middle School,  
and Flyin' Lion Ministries.*

*Those celebrating happy events: David Fahey, Lee  
Shubert*

*Announcements For January 18, 2026*

*The Senior Warden met with the Canon for Transitions this  
past week, and we are now ready for the next step in our Rector  
search. To launch this effort, we will be holding a Transition  
Workshop on Wednesday, February 4th at 6:00 pm in the  
Rafters, where we will discuss the process and more importantly  
get the congregation's input into the requirements for our next  
Rector. Please make every attempt to attend this important  
meeting, and if you are unable to attend, please share your  
thoughts with any member of the Vestry, so we can ensure that  
all voices of the congregation are heard and contribute to the  
process.*

*Announcements For January 18, 2026*



*2026 pledge Form*



*Capital Campaign*

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*January WINE will be at the home of Amy Sparks  
12823 Winding Ridge Rd  
Huntersville, NC 28078-7109  
On January 19, 2026, starting at 6:30*

*Please bring a dish to share and wine if you would like. -Open  
to all Women of the Church.*

*Announcements For January 18, 2026*

**Get your tickets now to the 12th Annual La Escuelita Fundraiser Dinner! The event will have AMAZING basket raffles, and dinner seats are sure to sell out again this year. Childcare available for \$20/child - must pre-register. This is the largest fundraiser event for La Escuelita Pre-school, and all proceeds go directly to support the preschool!**

*La Escuelita San Marcos*  
12th Annual Fundraiser Dinner

*Saturday, February 7, 2026*

5pm VIP Hour; 6pm Dinner Event



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