

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord
February 14, 2021

For 134 years, Saint Mary's has been
a Christ-centered community
with a mission to express God's love for all people.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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

People **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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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Statement of Belief and Baptismal Covenant

People **We trust in God who is always making things new. We trust in Jesus, risen from the dead. We trust in the Spirit, always calling us to new life.**

Leader And now we join with our Episcopal brothers and sisters in translating the beliefs in our hearts to action in our lives, in these Baptismal questions:
Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Leader Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People

Sung response:



God, our good - ness, Light a - bove. God of all wis - dom and light of all
lo - ve.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors;
For those on the “front lines” and for those who are alone;
For this community, our nation and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom and peace;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression;
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

People *<Sung response>*

Leader For those who minister to the friendless, and the needy;
For all the sick, infirmed, in nursing homes and hospitals;
For peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the truth;
For Craig our Bishop, for all Bishops and all other ministers;
For all who serve God in the church.

People *<Sung response>*

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own Petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness shine upon them.

People *<Sung response>*

Blessings, Prayers, and Thanksgivings

Speak up if you've got a birthday, anniversary, transition, concern or thanksgiving to share.

Peace

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

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

People **Our creator, who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven,
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Final Blessing

People **May Christ's bright star enlighten our minds and hearts as we strive for equality, justice and kindness in the world. May the blessing of God: creator, redeemer and sustainer, be with us today.**

Closing Song

Come, Light of Lights
<Screen share>

R. Cunningham

Dismissal

Deacon *The Deacon says the words of dismissal.*

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude



SOURCES

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