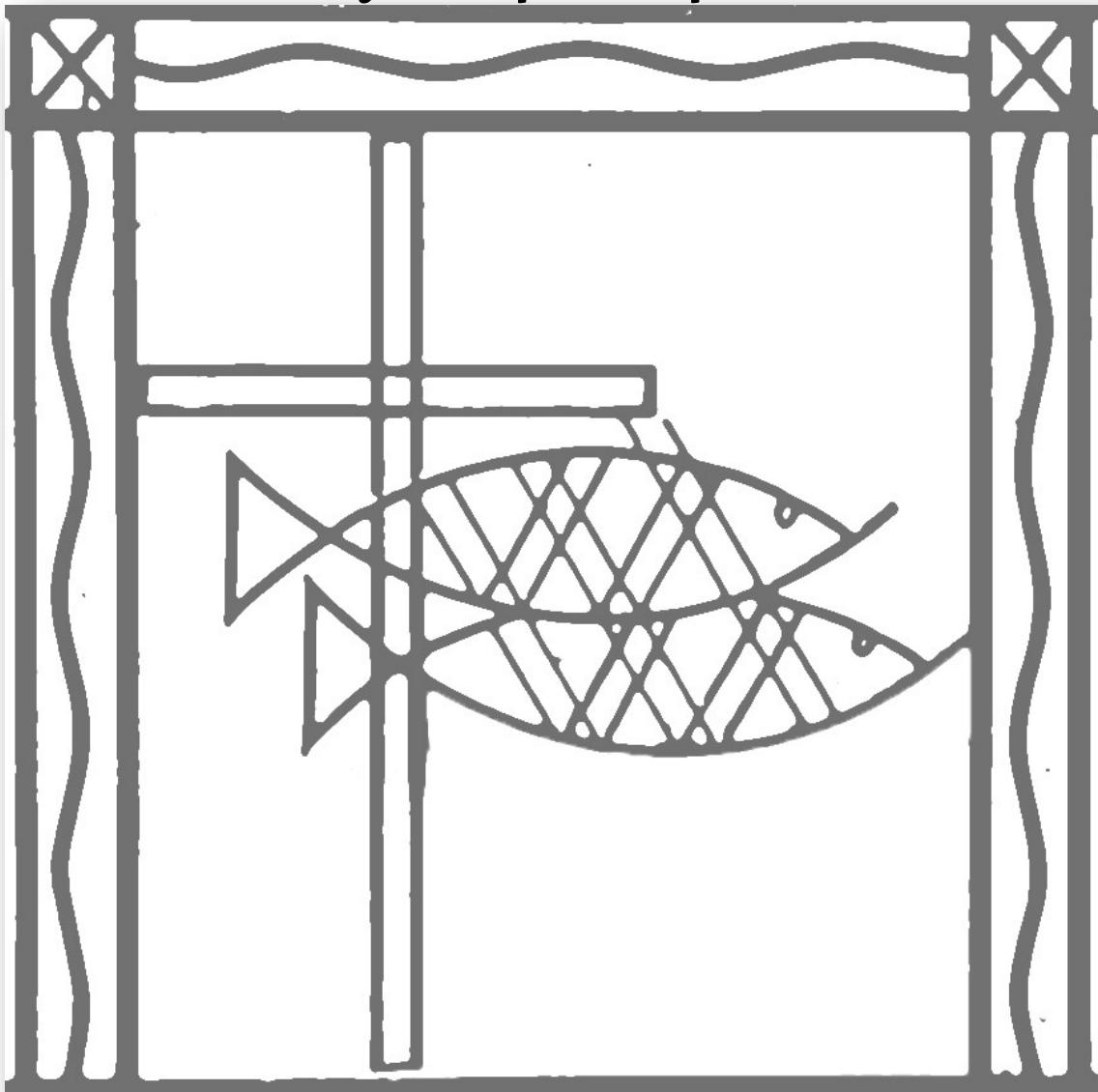


Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!



The Third Sunday after the
Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 24, 2021

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

Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Revelation in Galilee

Welcome

Opening Song *The People Who In Darkness Walked v. 1, 3, 4* Hymnal #126
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Opening Collect

Leader God of all mercy, your son brought good news to the despairing, freedom to the oppressed and joy to the sad; fill us with your Spirit, that the people of our day may see in us his likeness and glorify your name.

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and wonders the greatness of your saving love; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm

Psalm 62:11-12

Leader Please join us saying the Psalm.

People **One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: Power belongs to you God, and with you, Lord is unfailing love; and you reward everyone according to what they have done.**

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

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

People **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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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MIP is an ECMN program to support creative ministerial opportunities.

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
love.

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 thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own Thanksgivings.

For your mercy is great.

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>**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The people may add their own Petitions.

For your mercy is great.

People **<Sung response>**

Peace

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Blessings, Prayers, and Thanksgivings

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

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.**

Song

Will You Come and Follow Me John L. Bell, Graham Maule
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Dismissal

Deacon ***The Deacon says the words of dismissal.***
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

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