

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 19, 2025 YEAR C

**Prelude**

**“How bright appears the Morning Star”  
(Based on this morning’s opening hymn)**

**Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn 497 “How bright appears the Morning Star”** *(Blue 1982 Hymnal)*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People:* ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

**The Collect for Purity**

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 S277** *Hurd*

*(Blue 1982 Hymnal)*

***Glory to God in the highest,***

***and peace to God’s 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.*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* Let us pray.

***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. Day**

***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 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 for ever. Amen.***

**The Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

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

**Psalm 36:5-10** *Dixit injustus*

*see next page*

Psalm 36:5-10

*Dixit injustus*

5. Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithful-ness to the clouds.
7. How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
9. For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

6. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
8. They feast upon the abundance of your house, \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
10. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

### **The Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

### **Sequence Hymn 138 "All praise to you, O Lord" (Blue 1982 Hymnal)**

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John

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

### **The Gospel: John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All: We believe in God the Creator,  
infinite in wisdom, mercy and love,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of God's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the divine presence in our lives,  
who sustains and strengthens us, especially in our time of need.  
We believe in one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,  
and that our faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Savior,  
that the realm of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

**Litany in the Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Leader:** Let us before all else give thanks for the love of God revealed to the world in the life and death of Jesus Christ:

**MLK:** *The Cross is the eternal expression of the length to which God will go in order to restore broken community.*

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Let us give thanks for the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and for the enduring power of his dream:

**MLK:** *I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low ... and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. ... With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.*

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Let us commit ourselves to pray and work for peace:

**MLK:** *One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal. ... How much longer must we play at deadly war games before we heed the plaintive pleas of the unnumbered dead and maimed of past wars?*

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Let us commit ourselves to walk in the way of nonviolence:

**MLK:** *The non-violent approach ... first does something to the hearts and souls of those committed to it. It gives them new self-respect; it calls up resources of strength and courage that they did not know they had. Finally, it reaches the opponent and so stirs his conscience that reconciliation becomes a reality.*

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Let us commit ourselves to pray and work for a just ordering of our world:

**MLK:** *Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. ... This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is the time for vigorous and positive action.*

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Let us commit ourselves to the vision of a world without poverty and disease:

**MLK:** *I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.*

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Let us commit ourselves to seek the spiritual renewal of our nation:

**MLK:** *A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.*

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Let us commit ourselves to seek the spiritual renewal of the Church:

**MLK:** *In spite of being disappointed, in spite of being left out without any initial response, millions of people are still knocking on the door of the Church and turning to it for the answers to the basic problems of life. The great challenge facing the Church today is to keep the bread fresh.*

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The Presider offers this concluding collect.*

**Concluding Collect:** And now unto God who is able to keep us from falling and lift us from the dark valley of despair to the mountains of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy, to God be power and authority, for ever and ever. Amen. *Adaptation from Jeffery W. Rowthorn*

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Presider and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen*

*Presider*

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**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.  
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Anthem- "This Little Light of Mine"**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

### **African American Spiritual**

*arr. W. F. Smith (1941-1997)*

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching Our Worship

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* *We lift them to the Lord.*

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*Presider* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Holy, Holy S130**      *Schubert*      (*Blue 1982 Hymnal*)  
***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.***

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

On the night before his suffering and death, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”



Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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.***

**Fraction Anthem S164**      *Schubert*      *(Blue 1982 Hymnal)*

***Jesus, Lamb of God:***

***have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, bearer of our sins:***

***have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:***

***Give us your peace, give us your peace.***

### **The Ministration of Communion**

*All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.*

**Communion Hymn 542 “Christ is the world’s true Light”**      *(Blue 1982 Hymnal)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

***Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a***

*people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn WLP 778 “We all are one in mission”



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:  
 the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.  
 Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.



A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove  
 to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,  
 Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.  
 free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.  
 our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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## The Dismissal

*Presider*      Go in peace to proclaim the Word made flesh.  
*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude “Bells”

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### ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP


*Lector:* Greg Diekemper      *Usher:* Cashen      *Greeter:* Diane Nienkemper  
*Altar Guild:* Ellen Jeffery      *Chalice:* Scott Thompson      *Livestream:* Vicki Stegmann  
*Crucifer:* Scott Thompson      *Godly Play:* Jeffery

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### The Rev. Michael Dunnington Reception

Please join us after service today for a small reception to celebrate the last service of The Rev. Michael Dunnington at St. Mark’s as Interim-Priest-In-Charge. We would like to thank him for his service and wish him a happy “retirement”, wherever that may lead.

#### Annual Meeting

 This year’s Annual Meeting will be next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. A soup supper will be served provided by the members of the Vestry. We welcome all to attend. Those who submit reports for the Annual meeting the cut-off date for submissions is **TOMORROW!** January 20<sup>th</sup>. Childcare will be available.

#### 2025 ST.MARK’S DIRECTORY

The new directory will be available after the Annual Meeting so all new vestry and delegate information can be included. If you have had any changes to address, telephone or email since January 2024 please provide that information to the Parish Office [parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org) or call 314-832-3588.

**We Pray** for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Michael, Teresa, and Jerre our clergy, for Delaney our Rector-elect, and for all the holy People of God;

**In the Diocesan Cycle**, we pray for the people and ministry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves;

**In the Anglican Cycle**, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies;

**In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico**, we pray for The Episcopal Cathedral School;

**We pray** for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

**We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind**, especially the Anderson family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Jim Blum, Cherie Blumenkamp, Tom Bradley, Bruce Bramoweth & family, Yulia Borjte, Joan Cap, John Carrol, Steve Chamberlin, Janet Chance, Alicia Crowe, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Kayla Deguire, Donna Duffy, Candace Farmer, Mary Carol Fischer, Don Frank, Carol Garbs, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, Robin Harris, Allan Harvard, Anne Hennig, Rob Heritage, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Cindy Hooks, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jodi Keuney, Jane Kozielec, Richard Liermann, Kathy Lynch, Guy Medley, John Meyer, Donna Musgrave, Francis Neuner, Betty Orlando, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Blair Schrautemeier, Rick Schubert, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Tim Smith, Jeanette Swallow, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Kathy Tracy and family, Marilyn Wiethop, Justin and Lindsay Williams, Hulene Woody, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Marian, Jim.

**We give thanks** on their birthdays with Matthew Cashen, Scott Thompson, and Hannah Robards.

**We pray for** those who have died especially Nina Olmsted.

**We pray for** those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Noah Johnson, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Shawn Russell, Logan Smith.

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