



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 12, 2025 YEAR C

Prelude

“If you but Trust in God to Guide You”
(Based on this morning’s offertory anthem)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 423 “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” (*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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

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

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

(see next page)

The Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the
 counsel • of the | wicked *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the | seats |
 of the | scornful!

3. They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not | wither *
 every- | thing they | do shall | prosper.

5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when |
 judgment | comes *
 nor the sinner in the | council | of the | righteous.

2. Their delight is in the | law • of the | LORD, *
 and they meditate on his | law | day and | night.

4. It is not | so • with the | wicked; *
 they are like | chaff • which the | wind • blows a- | way.

6. For the LORD knows the | way of • the | righteous, *
 but the | way of • the | wicked • is | doomed.

Sequence Hymn 188 “Love’s redeeming work is done”

(Blue 1982 Hymnal)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.” “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Homily

The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

Affirmation of Faith

Deacon: Let us declare our faith in God.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader As we proclaim that Christ has been raised from the dead, let us pray for the church and the world; saying, God of abundant love and light, ***“We put our trust in you.”***

We pray for the holy catholic church throughout the world, that we may be like the tree planted by water and bear fruit without fear;

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney, Jerre, and Teresa our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Ironton; we pray for our companion parish of St. John and St. James in Sullivan;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Sistema de Salud Episcopal San Lucas;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with John Fee, Bob Mullgardt and Daniel Tracy.

God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for the world, that there may be peace in all lands and in the hearts of all people, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East; God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for this country, for all nations and their leaders, that all may work in wisdom and truth for mercy and justice; God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for all who are ill, for prisoners, captives, and their families; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; for immigrants, refugees, and those who live in fear of separation from their homes and families; God of abundant love and light,
We put our trust in you.

We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need;

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

We pray for all who struggle with addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery;

We pray for those serving in the armed forces; God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for our families, friends and companions, and all those we love; God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for the dying and the dead, especially Blair Schrautemeier, that they may know the comfort of your eternal light; God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Deacon 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 “If You but Trust in God to Guide You”

arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

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If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways,
You will find strength, with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days.
For those who trust God’s changeless love build on the rock that will not move.
What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in God’s care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss.
Be still, be still, and wait God’s pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content,
Trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded Love be sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always near.
Sing, pray, and keep God’s ways unswerving; offer your service faithfully,
And trust God’s word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free;
God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God’s faithfulness.

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 341 “For the bread which you have broken” *(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 665 “All my hope on God is founded” (Blue 1982 Hymnal)

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to proclaim the Word made flesh.

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

Postlude

“Fantasy in D Minor”

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Margaret Hvatum

Usher: Marilyn Wiethop

Greeter: Ellen Jeffery

Altar Guild: Tom Bradley

Chalice: Susan Goen

Livestream: Vicki Stegmann

Crucifer: Ruby Danieley

Godly Play: Schoenberg

Today we welcome flutist Clara Richter. Many thanks to her for her beautiful playing!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pancake Supper

The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be March 4th at 5:30pm. All are welcome. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options are available. Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. We are also looking for more volunteers to help with the cooking! Sign-up sheet is also in the Parish Hall. Or email parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org.

Peace Meal

Our next Peace Meal at St. John's Episcopal Church is Saturday afternoon, February 22nd. Thank you to all who have volunteered. The first shift is from 2pm-4pm. The second shift is from 3:45pm-5:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jerre.

St. Mark's Directory

The 2025 St. Mark's Directory is NOW AVAILABLE. You can pick up your copy in the back of the church. If you would like one mailed to you, contact the parish office. If you would like an electronic copy, contact the parish office at parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org

Journey through Lent

The journey through Lent posters for 2025 are now available in the back of the church. Ash Wednesday is just weeks away! If you would like one mailed to you, contact Melissa in the parish office.

BOWLING FUNDRAISER FOR LUCY DANIELEY

Lucy Danieley (percussion), Teresa Danieley (chaperone) and the SLPS McKinley Classical Leadership Academy Band Wind Ensemble will be travelling to Disney World in April to compete in a national Band Competition. You can help Lucy get there by Bowling on February 16 from 4pm-7pm. See the [flier](#) here or in the Markings. Or you can donate directly to the McKinley Band Boosters on

Paypal <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/McKinleyBB?locale.x=en%20USor>

Thank you!

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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 Carroll, 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, Tom Gard, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, Robin Harris, Allan Harvard, Rob Heritage, Damaris Hernández, 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 Koziolec, Richard Liermann, Kathy Lynch, Guy Medley, John Meyer, Donna Musgrave, Francis Neuner, Betty Orlando, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Rick Schubert, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Tim Smith, Jeanette Swallow, Lou 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 John Fee, Bob Mullgardt, and Daniel Tracy

We pray for those who have died, especially Blair Schrautemeier.

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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