



St. Mark's Anglican Church

*The Last Sunday after Epiphany*

February 15, 2026

Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am

*Welcome to St. Mark's.*

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.*

*Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.*

*Please join in singing the hymns and saying the parts printed in **bold***

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PRELUDE *Allabreve*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*There will be a brief congregational rehearsal at 10:30*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 374 (omit stanza 5)

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

*Celebrant*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                          and the love of God,  
                          and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
                          be with you all.

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

*Celebrant*      Almighty God,  
*All*                **to you all hearts are open,**  
                          all desires known,  
                          and from you no secrets are hidden.  
                          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.

## GLORY TO GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 686

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses  
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:  
mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,  
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*All sit*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

*Reader:* James Mainprize

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM *sung by all*

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*Chant:* T A Walmisley (1814-1856)



The Lord is King; let the / people / tremble;\*  
God is enthroned upon the Cherubim;  
/ let the / earth / shake.

The Lord is / great in / Zion;  
he is / high a- / bove all / peoples.

Let them confess his name which is / great and / awesome,  
he / is the / Ho-ly / One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have es- / ta-blished / equity;  
you have executed justice and / right-eous- / ness in / Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and fall down / before his / footstool:  
he / is the / Ho-ly / One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call u-/ pon his / name,  
they called upon the Lord, / and he / an-swered / them.

He spoke to them out of the / pillar • of / cloud,  
they kept his testimonies and the de- / cree / that he / gave them.

“O Lord our God, you answered / them in-/ deed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them / for their / e-vil / deeds.”

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his / ho-ly / hill;  
for the Lord our God / is the / Ho-ly / One.

## SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

*Reader:* James Mainprize

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Reader*      Thanks be to God.

## HYMN 169 (sung to tune 239)

*Jesus, on the Mountain Peak*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-19

*Gospeller*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of Christ.  
**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

*All stand*

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant*      Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
**All**                **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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped 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

*Leader:* Larry Bourk

*Leader* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”  
For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mark our Patron and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**People** **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**People** **Amen.**

#### \*CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*All* 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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### WORDS OF WELCOME

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### HYMN

Music: *Talley David Hurd (b. 1950)*

Text: *Liturgy of St James*, 5<sup>th</sup> century, para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with  
King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of  
Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its  
At his feet the six-winged ser - aph, cher - u -

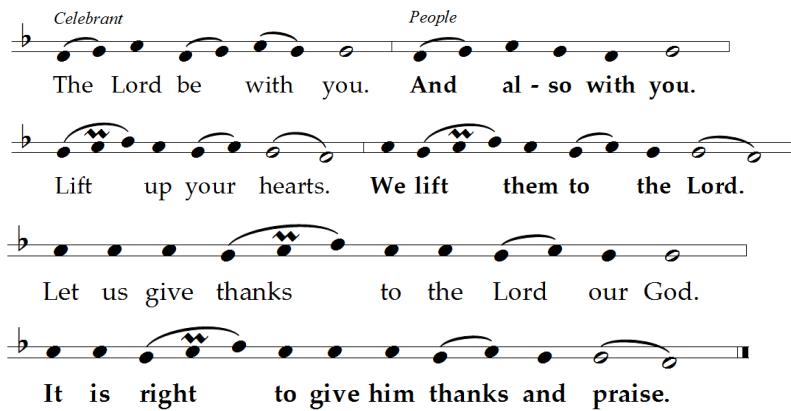
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fear and trem-bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,  
old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
van - guard on the way, as the Light of Light de - scend - eth  
bim, with sleep-less eye, veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,

10  
for with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -  
in the Bo - dy and the Blood he will give to all the  
from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may  
as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

15  
scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

*The music for this well-known text was written by David Hurd, a prominent black organist and composer. Its use today is part of our commemoration of Black History Month*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
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 knowledge of salvation  
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Now with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
we lift our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Common Praise*, no. 689

*All remain standing or kneel*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**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, 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, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*People*      **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All*                **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,**  
                      **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!**

*Celebrant*      The gifts of God for the people of God,  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

#### LAMB OF GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 690

#### THE COMMUNION

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar  
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
from *Elijah*, op. 70

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved, thy keeper will never slumber.

- *Psalm 121:1-4*

*After communion, all stand for*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son**  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**May we, who share his body,**  
**live his risen life;**  
**we, who drink his cup,**  
**bring life to others;**  
**we, whom the Spirit lights,**  
**give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**So that we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* Christ Jesus, the splendour of the Father and the image of his being, draw you to himself that you may live in his light and share his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
*People* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Gospeller* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**HYMN 369**

*Thy Strong Word Didst Cleave the Darkness*

VOLUNTARY *Moto Ostenato*

Petr Eben (1929-2007)



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