



**St. Mark's Anglican Church**

***The Third Sunday after Epiphany***

**January 25, 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    *Prelude and Fugue*

Imant Raminsh (b. 1943)

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**HYMN 432**

***Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult***

*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

William Mathias (1934-1992)



Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa- ther, we wor-ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a-lone are the ho - ly One,  
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
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

Isaiah 9:1-4

*Reader: Donna Belleville*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Reader*        Thanks be to God.

### PSALM *sung by all*

27:1, 5-13

*Chant: Percy Buck (1871-1947)*



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then / shall I / fear?\*

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then / shall I / be a- / fraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord, one / thing I / seek;\*

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord / all the / days of • my / life;

To behold the fair beauty / of the / Lord;\*

and to / seek him / in his / temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me / safe in •his / shelter;\*

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling

and set me / high u- / pon a / rock.

Even now he / lifts up / my head\*

above my / ene-mies / round a- / bout me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling

an oblation with / sounds of • great / gladness;\*

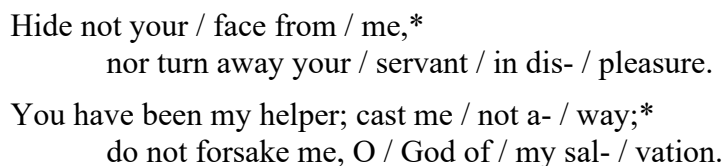
I will sing and make / music / to the / Lord.

Hearken to my voice O Lord, / when I / call;\*

have mercy on / me and / answer / me.

You speak in my heart and say, / “Seek my / face.”\*

Your / face, Lord, / will I / seek.



## 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Reader*      Thanks be to God.

## *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

## Matthew 4:12-23

*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.**

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their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*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: Wendy Steel*

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People* hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People* hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People* hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People* hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People* hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People* hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

**\*CONFESSION 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 466**

*How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>

*Celebrant*      Blessed are you, gracious God,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
 you are the source of light and life for all your creation,  
 you made us in your own image,  
 and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour;  
 Therefore with angels and archangels,  
 and with all the holy people  
 who have served you in every age,  
 we raise 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*      We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
*People*           **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*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

J. V. Roberts (1841-1920)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let  
not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

*- John 14:27*

*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* May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of 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.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 469

*Sing Praises Old and New*

VOLUNTARY *Toccata*

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

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The flowers in the church are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Julia Hunter by her father, Murray Hunter.

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