

Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors *(when applicable)*
Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.
Congregation **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand
Prayer for Mission *said by all* BCP 365
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
Ye watchers and ye holy ones *(Lasst uns erfreuen)* Hymnal 618

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – Heldenmusik - “La Majesté” Georg Philipp Telemann

Music Notes
Trumpet – Dr. Randy Tinnin Timpani – Whitney Morgan
Today is the last Sunday after the Epiphany, and we hear again in the Gospel the wonderful miracle of Christ’s glorious and dazzling Transfiguration, which is retold in poetic form in the opening, sequence, and first communion hymns. The offertory anthem is a classic for the Epiphany season. The second communion hymn reflects the Transfiguration, reminding us that “Jesus shines brighter...”, while the closing hymn is an old favorite that gives us a last chance to sing our “Alleluias” before we give them up when Lent starts this Wednesday.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Children’s Chapel

A Children’s Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

GIVING INFORMATION

Offerings can be put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →

PLEDGE

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Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

Lectors

Amy Perkins, Bill Fannin

Acolytes

Lucy Perkins, Luke Dearing, Maddox Racine

Chalice Bearers

Nancy Burrows, John Burrows, Jordan Eyrick, Bill Fannin

Ushers

Steve Sirbaugh, Jim Graham, Joey Milne, Nick Pulignano

Verger

Downing Nightingale


Altar Guild

Leslie Freeman, Stephanie Baker, Dudley Grace, Trisha MacRae, Caroline Mann, Una Pardue, Lindsay Runnels, Barbara Simcox, Tori Tutwiler

Flower Guild

Hope Eller, Jane Ashley Racine

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and in loving memory of Anne Banks Grace by her family.
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St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Vision

St. Mark’s is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God’s world. (Ps 46:4-5)
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St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Mission

To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God’s Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.



St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an “S” (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.
Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 15, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 9:00 a.m.

Prelude – Heldenmusik - “La Grâce” Georg Philipp Telemann

The Word of God

Please stand
Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
O wondrous type! O vision fair *(Wareham)* Hymnal 137

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity BCP 355
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant 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.**

Hymn of Praise *sung by all* Hymnal 124, verse 5
To God the Father, heavenly Light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise
Our equal and unceasing praise.

Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson – 2 Peter 1:16-21
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 honor 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 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn *sung by all*
Christ upon the mountain peak (*Mowsley*) Hymnal 129

Holy Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9
Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord 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.”
Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel as the congregation sings “Jesus loves me”.

Sermon – The Rev. Charlie Holt

Please stand

Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People – Form VI BCP 392

Confession BCP 393

Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem
There shall a star Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a scepter from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus shedeth glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; thine be praise and adoration.

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Please stand
Offertory Hymn – The Doxology *sung by all* Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues...

Sanctus *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Lord’s Prayer *said by all* BCP 364

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 *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 154

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Communion of the People
At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

Communion Anthem
Let all mortal flesh keep silence arr. Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, “Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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Communion Hymns *sung by all*
O light of light, Love given birth (*Jesu dulcis memoria*) Hymnal 134
Fairest Lord Jesus (*St. Elizabeth*) Hymnal 383