

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Mark's is a radically welcoming faith community living out the reconciling power of Jesus's love, and reclaiming a new boldness in our mission call.

St. Mark's has adjusted many worship practices to follow COVID-19 safety protocols over the last three years. We are constantly adapting our procedures and we urge worshipers to participate at whatever level makes them most comfortable. If you are visiting, we are glad you are here. We welcome all who gather to worship each week, either in-person or on-line. Our Sunday service at 10:15 may be seen on our Facebook or YouTube channel and is linked through our website, www.saintmarksepiscopal.com. The password to the church wifi as a guest is: timetopray

About the Service

The service has two parts: the liturgy of the word, when Holy Scripture is read and celebrated, followed by liturgy of the table, when we celebrate Jesus's life, death, and resurrection with the Eucharist, (communion).

About Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist, the bread and the wine. Bread only is sufficient for the Eucharist to be valid. You may receive the bread and wine from common vessels or individual containers at the altar rail. Come forward to the altar as ushers release the pews and return to the pew to consume the bread and wine, if taken from the baskets. Place empty containers in receptacles at the exits. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Notify an usher if you would like a priest to bring communion to the pew.

Enhancing Your Experience

Limited mobility seating is available in front of the pulpit on the left side of the sanctuary. An elevator, entered through the garden doors at the rear of the church, allows access to all three levels of the church. Offices and classrooms located on the second floor are accessible via stairs or elevator. *Ask for assistance, if needed.* Restroom facilities are located on the ground level; ladies' room on the right, men's room on the left. An ADA accessible restroom is located just off the hall to the right of the chancel. An AED device is located in the hall to the right of the chancel.

Welcoming Families

We provide a nursery for infants and toddlers during the 10:15 Sunday service. Grade school age children join in class upstairs for activities and lesson. The children return for communion and are always welcome to worship with their families. All are welcome to the parish hall following the 10:15 service for coffee and light refreshments.

On-line Giving

For members and guests, it is simple, easy, and secure to make an on-line donation or purchase using *Realm*, our giving platform. Gifts may be one-time or recurring; funds may be dedicated to a specific purpose. Simply text the word *Lion* to 73256 and follow the prompts to complete the process, using a credit/debit card, checking or savings account.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024—5:00pm SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024—8:00am & 10:15am

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WELCOME

Prelude (10:15)

BELL

PROCESSIONAL (10:15)

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: All standing

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

COLLECT FOR PURITY (all)

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE LESSONS (seated)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111 (responsively by half-verse)

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN (10:15)

O, For a Thousand Tongues (v1-2/Gospel/v4-5)

Hymnal 493

THE GOSPEL (stand)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:14-20

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Alan Akridge, Rector

THE NICENE CREED (stand)

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 Scripture; 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (sit or kneel)

Deacon: As the people gathered in Capernaum to hear Jesus' words, so too have we come together to hear God's word. Let us boldly offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the world in which we live and the world to which we are called, let us pray to

the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the nations of the world, and for world peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the church of Christ, zealous in mission, compassionate in service, let us pray

to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this congregation and for our hearing the word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who labor in the world and in the church, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who are sick, especially Dot, Cindy, Carole, Nancy, Wallace, Frank, Joy, Will, Beverly, Robin, Matt, Mary Ellen, and Bishop Michael, and for those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the homeless and for the refugees, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those with whom we rejoice, and for those whose joy is known only in the secrets of their hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: O God, we commend to your care all for whom we pray, in the confidence that your love for them is greater than anything we can know or imagine. Hear us, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

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 neighbors 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says:

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.

People: Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE (people greet one another)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (those with birthday or anniversary are invited to the altar rail)

God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they celebrate another year on their journey. Grant that they may grow in wisdom, grace, and love, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion at the altar, either from individual containers as they are passed in a basket, or from the chalice and paten. Please kneel at the altar as you are able and remain at the altar until the chalice passes. If receiving individual containers, return to the pew to consume the bread and wine and place containers in recycling containers at the exits. Offerings may be placed in the available offering plates

positioned at the front pews. Communicants at home may request communion to be delivered by calling or texting 912.222.8746.

THE OFFERTORY(10:15)

(5:00 & 8:00) spoken, standing

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(10:15) sung, standing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above the heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The celebrant incorporates or adapts a Proper Preface

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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 people sit or kneel and the Celebrant continues

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 (say or sing)

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

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people may remain in place until the ushers release the pews; come forward to the altar rail to receive communion. Let an usher know if you would like communion from the pew.

COMMUNION HYMN (10:15)

Seek Ye First Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymnal 711 bulletin p13

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness
and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN (10:15)

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymnal 594

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE (10:15)

We extend our sympathy to the families of Wallace Harrell, Jr., and Joan Miles

On the fifth Wednesday of any calendar quarter, St. Mark's is honored to serve lunch to our hungry brothers and sisters at Manna House. The first of the year is this week, Jan. 30., beginning around 9:15a.m. Some churches and organizations serve every week and the weekends. Since COVID arrived, our monthly offering has been sandwiches, fruit and a dessert, packed for pick-



up in a brown bag. Tess Stuermer has been and continues, with her dependable troop, as the leader of the St. Mark's Lions on Manna House Wednesdays. She invites any and all who are led to this ministry to lend hands and hearts. If you can't serve on-site, your contributions of money, fruit cups, packaged desserts are always welcome. A donation site is in the parish hall or you can contact Tess at 770.309.6623 or ssitess@att.net.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 28	Steve Crowder
Jan. 30	Teeple Hill
Jan. 31	Herman Hudson, Glenn Segrest
Feb. 2	Jeanne Warwick, E.D. Gornto

PRAYER LIST	Wallace Harrell
Dot Barone	Frank Matthews
Carole Nolan	Joy Youngner
Nancy MacKenzie	Will Whatley

In-person Attendance

January 18-21, 2024				
Thu	Sat.	8:00	10:15	Total
12	24	19	105	160

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 29	Carter & Mary Claire Jones
Jan. 30	Ben & Whitney Cheesbro
Feb. 2	Lawson &Gayle Calhoun
Feb. 3	Tom & Mona Irwin
If we mis	sed your birthday or anniversary, please
notify the	e church office.

Beverly Dembowczyk	Michael Curry
Mark Holt	Mary Ellen
Cindy Barnett	-

Cindy Barnett Robin Skinner

Financial Update as of 1/22/24

	<u>Budget</u>	Received
Pledges	\$ 32,231	\$ 29,805
Donations	\$ 6,349	\$ 5,695

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8. John Darwall, 1770

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



Hymns for the Young, 1836 Attr. to Dorothy Ann Thrupp, 1836; alt. SHEPHERD 8.7.8.7.4.4.7.rep. William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

January 28-February 4, 2024

Sunday	8:00am 10:15am 11:30am 4:00pm	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel Holy Eucharist with choir & Sunday School Mixon Hour/Mixon Hall 1/99/youth room
Monday	9:30am 7:00pm	Staff meeting & Formation Narcotics Anonymous/Mixon Hall
Tuesday	11:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Harrell funeral Overeaters Anonymous/Mixon Hall Vestry
Wednesday	2:00pm 4:00pm 8:00pm	Backpacks/upstairs Chancel choir/church AA/Mixon Hall
Thursday	11:00am 12:00pm	Healing Service/chapel Bad Girls Bible Study/Mixon Hall
Friday		Office Closed
Saturday	5:00pm 8:00pm	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel AA/Mixon Hall
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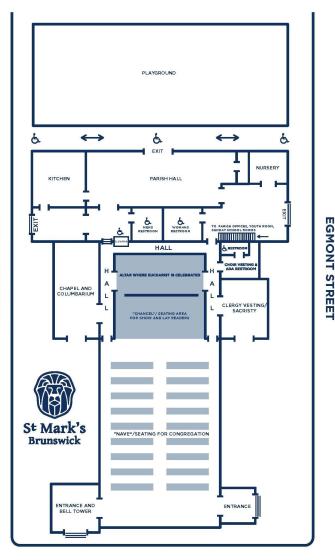
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GLOUCESTER STREET









SERVICE TIMES

Thursday 11:00 a.m.

Healing Service

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Spoken Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/ Choir

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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