

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Mark's is a welcoming community of dedicated believers in Christ who support and strengthen one another through worship, fellowship, study of the Word, and serving others.

St. Mark's has adjusted many worship practices to follow COVID-19 safety protocols over the past 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 are welcome at the altar to receive communion or a blessing. 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. If a blessing is desired, place your arms across your chest. 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.



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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026—5:00PM SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026—8:00 & 10:15AM

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WELCOME
PRELUDE (10:15)
BELL
PROCESSIONAL (10:15)
As With Gladness, Men of Old (v1-3, 5)

Hymnal 119

THE WORD OF GOD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II All standing Book of Common Prayer 355

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.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE LESSONS (seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (responsively by half-verse)

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *

like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *

and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, *

and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *

and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

GOSPEL HYMN (10:15)

We Three Kings (v1/Gospel/v2)

Hymnal 128

THE GOSPEL (stand)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are

by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (stand)

HOMILY

BCP 358

Rev. Alan Akridge, Rector

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: God's glory has been veiled in flesh. Our flesh has become a glorious epiphany. Let us then present before the Lord of glory our gift of prayer for those who are in need, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who walk in the darkness of violence and oppression, and for all who by their life and preaching cast into that darkness the light of God's peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who carry on the teaching of prophets and apostles, and for the full communion in life and worship of those who receive God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who have at their disposal this world's riches, and for all who call out to them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who raise their eyes to the heavens looking for healing and deliverance, especially Milton, Joe, Joice, Katherine, Jeff, Christopher, Denzil, James, Marion, Linda, and Pauline, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the rulers of the earth, and for every child that stands in need of their protection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: O God of stars and journeys, you lead us day by day to the joyful vision of your light. Move us by the power of your word that we too might open our gifts for others and so receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. So may you be praised and adored through the same Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, this day of your Epiphany, now and forever. *Amen*.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 359

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 PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you. (people greet one another)

BLESSING OF THE CHALK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (those with birthdays or anniversaries coming up 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 are welcome at the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. Communion is served in individual containers and from the paten and common chalice. If receiving from individual containers, return to the pew to consume the bread and wine and place containers in recycling containers at the exits. To receive a blessing, place your arms across your chest. 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. Personal Prayer Warriors are stationed at the baptismal font to offer private prayer as you return to your pew after receiving communion.

THE OFFERTORY(10:15) During the Offertory at the Celebrant's bidding, the elements and prayer chest will be brought to the altar for blessing.

(5:00 & 8:00) spoken

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

(10:15) sung

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. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People**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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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: pg 8

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.

Celebrant (people, sitting or kneeling)

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)

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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 the pews until the ushers release the pews; come forward to the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion in the pew. Personal Prayer Warriors are stationed at the baptismal font to offer private prayer as you return to your pew after receiving communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS (10:15)

Before the Throne of God Above	BoL 11
Because He Lives	BoL 10
Christians Let Us Love One Another	BoL 15

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Teternal 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)

What Star Is This With Beams So Bright?

Hymnal 124

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE(10:15)

For all who ordered poinsettias for the Christmas dedications, please take them home this weekend following whichever service you attend. The red and white flowers always fill the sanctuary with holiday beauty. Thank you to Marian Fraser of Tropical Treasures for assisting with the acquisition and placing of the poinsettias and with our door and Advent wreaths. And thank you to Emily Bazzel for polishing brass.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 6 Jan. 8 Jan. 9	Skyler Gleason, Robin Hodge Daryl Moore Kenn Hodge	ANNIVERSARIES We have no anniversaries this week. If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.
Jan. 10	Jeff Rush	please notify the church office.

Immediate prayer	Katherine Adams	Marion Nelson
Milton Sams	Jeff Pace	Linda Rooney
Joe Hale	Christopher	Pauline Bosserdet
Peyton Thompson Wells	Denzil Sellers	

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Continuing prayer concerns	Matthew Dowe	Jan Marvin
Will Whatley	Jewell Rogers	Ronn ben Aaman
Nancy MacKenzie	Carole Nolan	Glenn Kersey
Frank Matthews	Joy Youngner	Jean Patelidas
Dot Barone	Wendy Stubbs	Faye Freeman
Beverly Dembowczyk	Jo Strickland	

In-person Attendance	Financial Update as of 12/30/2025		
December 25-28, 2025	<u>Budget</u> <u>Received</u>		

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Wed/Thur	Sat.	8:00	10:15	Total	General Donations	\$ 116,184	\$ 143,734
170/196/18	19	19	40	462	Pledges	\$ 551,513	\$ 517,506



Got a Book of Common Prayer? Now what?

That beautiful and mysterious book called the Book of Common Prayer is a powerful tool given to us by our Church Fathers to use daily, not just Sundays!! The BCP was never intended to be a shelf decoration. Between its covers are prayers, psalms, doctrine, history, and the beauty of a journey toward God. The BCP has survived all these years - and numerous human quibbles and spats! - because God uses its words to train our hearts and show us the path God wants us to walk. So ----

Let's explore and learn together. Get the inside scoop on our traditions. Find quiet corners where you can converse alone with God, and exuberant rooms where you can dance and sing praises! We have a treasure that becomes more valuable the more we use it! I do not know all the answers, but we can find them together.

If you need a large print edition, let me know and I will give you one. If you do not have a Prayer Book of your own let me know. We can get you one. If you want to buy one, go to websites for Forward Movement or Church Publishing. Even Amazon can offer a copy. If you buy, buy cheap!!! You will want to mark things and put in notes and markers. Richly covered books with linen pages can make you feel guilty if you fling colored markers around.

We will meet on **Thursdays at 6 to 7:30 pm beginning January 15th** in the Activities Center of my Condos - easy to find off Golden Isles Parkway. I will provide coffee and tea. Bring your supper or goodies to share.

RSVP to jjohson@saintmarksepiscopal@gmail.com or 229-416-9392, so I know how many coffee cups to have out. Can't wait to share BCP treasures with you.



Save the date for a Southeast
Convocation Episcopal Festival on
January 11th at
Selden Park, Brunswick.
Worship at 11:30 am - Meal to follow.





***** Note the TIME of service next Sunday—11:30am *****

GEM will supply meat & sides: attendees asked to bring a dessert

There will be NO 10:15 service at St. Mark's; 5:00pm & 8:00am only

January 4-11, 2026

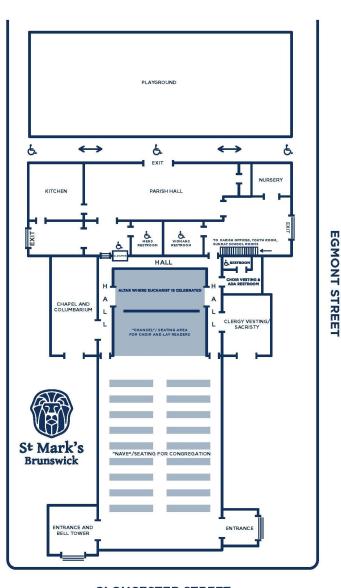
Sunday	8:00am 10:15am 11:30am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel Holy Eucharist with Choir Mixon Hour
Monday	9:30am 6:30pm	Staff Meeting Narcotics Anonymous/Mixon Hall
Tuesday	1:00pm	Cursillo Reunion
Wednesday	11:00am 1:30pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 8:00pm	Bible Study Crafters Circle/Mixon Hall Backpacks/upstairs Chair Practice/sanctuary AA/Mixon Hall
Thursday	10:00am 11:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm	Sears Worship Service Healing Service/chapel Bad Girls/Mixon Hall PCT planning meeting/Mixon Hal
Friday		Church Office Closed
Saturday	5:00pm 8:00pm	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel AA/Mixon Hall
Sunday	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel DOK Joint Worship & Lunch @ Selden Parl

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GLOUCESTER STREET









SERVICE TIMES

Thursday 11:00 a.m.

Healing Service

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

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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