



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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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026—5:00PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026—8:00AM
St. Mark's Guest wifi password *timetopray*

WELCOME

PRELUDE (10:15)

BELL

PROCESSIONAL (10:15)

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymnal 135

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.*

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People *Amen.*

THE LESSONS (seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

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 The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 (responsively by half-verse)

1 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 afraid?

5 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;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *

and to seek him in his temple.

7 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 upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *

above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

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

have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: 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 The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL HYMN (10:15)

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Hymnal 660

THE GOSPEL (stand)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 4:12-23**

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

HOMILY

Rev. June Johnson, Associate, Saturday

Rev. Alan Akridge, Rector, Sunday

THE NICENE CREED (*stand*)

BCP 358

This space provided for notes and memos.

Matthew 4:12-23

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: Let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Holy God, we pray for all your people, baptized in the name of Christ. Heal our division, and give us one mind in Christ. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: Stir up the church to make the power of the cross known to all, that people everywhere may see your great light. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: Lift from all people the burden of poverty, war and injustice. Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: Guide those who make and execute our laws, and those who maintain our safety, that all people may know their worth as your creation. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: Strengthen us to care for the poor, the imprisoned, and all who suffer. Open our hands and our hearts to embrace all who are in need, especially Milton, Joe, Mark, Katherine, Jeff, Denzil, James, Marion, Linda, and Pauline. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: We remember before you all who have died, especially Jimmy and Liam, and all those whom we love but see no more. Give them eternal rest. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Deacon: O God, you revealed your will to prophets and sages. By your Holy Spirit, show us how to serve you today, that all nations may know you in our love, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSON 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)*

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 **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.***

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:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S129

***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*)

S154

*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)

*Here I Am Lord
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
I Need Thee Every Hour*

BoL 28
Hymnal 664
BoL 37

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)
Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymnal 7

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)

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Judy Lyons and family in loving memory of
Jimmy Lyons, son and brother*

*We extend our sympathy to Mary Collins
on the passing of Rev. Liam Collins in Savannah*

A thank-you from Linda Mahoney. St. Mark's Lions who were once again part of the team ringing the Salvation Army bell during the Christmas season collected \$1,389. Many served multiple times:



Bill Bazzel
Nancy Breland
Dottie & Jack Brodhag
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Renee Dowe

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BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 25 Jackson Havens, Lauren Prince
Jan. 26 Akira Stobaeus, Anna Beth Carroll,
Lynne Rourke
Jan. 27 Eddie Lambright, Mary Claire Jones
Jan. 28 Steve Crowder
Jan. 31 Herman Hudson, Glenn Segrest

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 29 Carter & Mary Claire Jones
Jan. 30 Ben & Whitney Cheesbro

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

Immediate prayer

Milton Sams
Joe Hale
Peyton Thompson Wells

Katherine Adams

Marion Nelson
Linda Rooney
Pauline Bossardet
Mark DiGiovanni

Continuing prayer concerns

Will Whatley
Nancy MacKenzie
Frank Matthews
Dot Barone
Beverly Dembowczyk

Matthew Dowe
Jewell Rogers
Carole Nolan
Joy Youngner
Wendy Stubbs
Jo Strickland

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Glenn Kersey
Jean Patelidas
Faye Freeman
Joice Grow

Financial Update as of 1/20/2026

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$ 18,040	\$ 32,608
General Donations	\$ 2,076	\$ 6,290

In-person Attendance

January 15-18, 2026

Thurs.	Sat.	8:00	10:15	Total
14	16	21	145	196

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The Saint Simons Sacred Music Festival

Jan 30 and 31, 2026 - Saint Simons United methodist Church



featuring composer & conductor
Howard Helvey

Ecumenical Service "Sing for Community, Sing for Peace"

Saturday, Jan 31st at 3:30 p.m.

Donations Greatly Appreciated

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January 28-31, 2026

Sunday	8:00am 9:00am 10:15am 11:30am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel Adult Class/Mixon Hall Holy Eucharist with Choir Mixon Hour
Monday	8:30am 10:00am 6:30pm	Staff Retreat/office closed Music School/sanctuary & chapel Narcotics Anonymous/Mixon Hall
Tuesday	11:30am 5:45pm	Revelation Study/TBD Vestry/chapel
Wednesday	11:00am 2:00pm 4:00pm 8:00pm	Bible Study Backpacks/upstairs Choir Practice/sanctuary AA/Mixon Hall
Thursday	10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm	Sears Worship Service @ Sears Music School/sanctuary & chapel Healing Service/chapel Bad Girls/Mixon Hall Serenity Seekers/Mixon Hall
Friday		Church Office Closed Vestry Retreat 12:00pm Music School/sanctuary/chapel/Mixon Hall
Saturday	5:00pm 8:00pm	stewbilee Spoken Eucharist/Chapel AA/Mixon Hall
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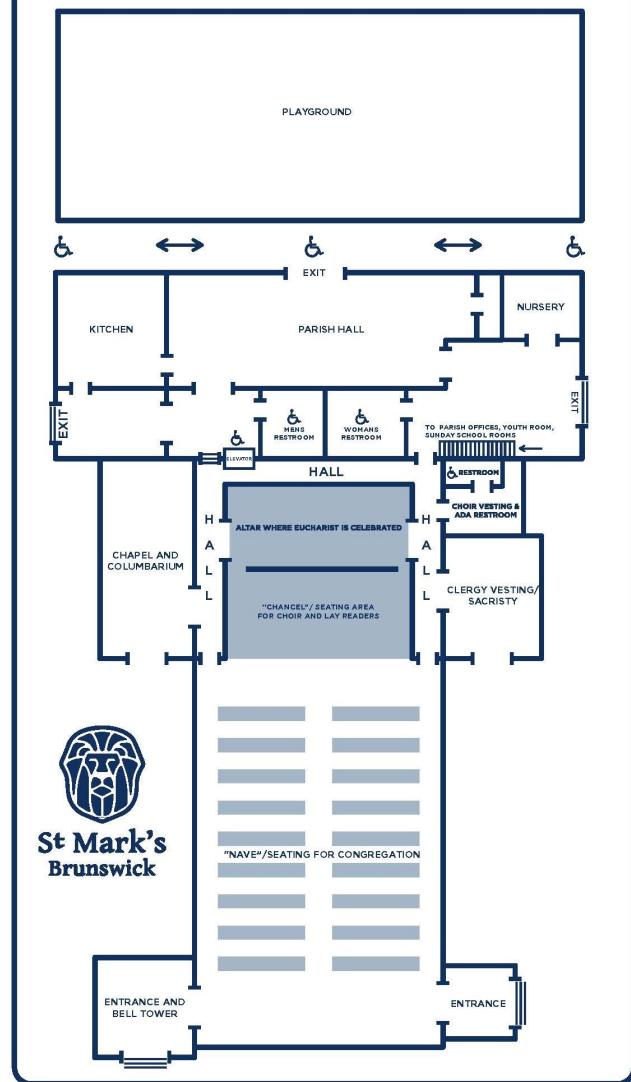
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NORWICH STREET



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

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed Friday



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