

*St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 17, 2021 10:00 am*

## **Holy Eucharist Rite II**

# **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Hymn 7**

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit, then, this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

The Celebrant says

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

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.*  
*Amen.*

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*

### **The 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.*

## The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

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

### Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

1 O God, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O God, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the  
sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

## **1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do

you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

## **Hymn: Levas 136**

## **I have decided to follow Jesus**

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
no turning back, no turning back.

Though no one join me, still I will follow,  
though no one join me, still I will follow,  
though no one join me, still I will follow,  
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
no turning back, no turning back.

                    The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ according  
                    To John.

People *Glory to Oyou, Lord Christ*

## John 1:43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### The Sermon

**The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill**

We are in Year B of the Gospel lectionary. This is the year we read most of the Gospel of Mark but today we have a snippet from the Gospel of John. I wonder why. For the rest of this liturgical season we will hear about the beginnings of Jesus’ ministry according to Mark but today we hear from John. Why?

I can’t tell you what the committee who chose the readings was thinking and I wouldn’t presume to do that. What I can tell you is that when I checked the book that puts the readings from all four gospels side by side, I noted that John is the only one that mentions Jesus calling Nathanael to be a disciple. It is an interesting story.

Philip comes to Nathanael and tells him that he and his friends have found the messiah that everyone has been waiting for. Not only have they found him but he is from Nazareth. Of course, we all know

Nathanael’s response: “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” It makes you wonder what stories have been circulating about Nazareth. But Philip’s answer is “Come and see.” So, Nathanael goes to see for himself who Philip is talking about.

When Jesus sees Nathanael, he declares that this is a man “in whom there is no deceit.” This is a man who is trustworthy. Of course, Nathanael wanted to know how Jesus would know that. Jesus tells him that he saw him under the fig tree before Philip called him. At that point Nathanael realizes that Jesus knows him as God would know him. Jesus knows everything about him. Therefore, in Nathanael’s mind Jesus must be the Messiah. Jesus must be the Son of God and declares that. It seems that Jesus and Nathanael have now become friends and another disciple has been added to Jesus’ followers.

This story has resonated with me this week. I have struggled with the chaos in our country represented by the attack on the capitol and the continued growth of the corona virus. What can I do to change the trajectory of these events? What can I do to turn the tide?

My response is to pray – pray for understanding, pray for healing, pray for less hate and pray for more love. The story of Jesus and Nathanael tells me that when people meet and learn about each other, friendships are made, relationships are kindled. Instead of Nathanael continuing to wonder if anything good can come out of Nazareth, he learns that indeed something good can come out of Nazareth.

Jesus tells Nathanael that he will see heaven opened and angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Humankind just as Jacob saw angels ascending and descending the ladder to heaven in his dream. As a disciple, Nathanael did see wondrous things and worked to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. That is Jesus’ call to me and to you. That is what I will do to make a difference during this time in our world. I will be as Christ to everyone I meet and I will spread the good news where ever I go. My prayer is that you all will do the same. Amen.

## The Nicene Creed

*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 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

### Form IV

Deacon or other 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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 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. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# The Holy Communion

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:14, 15*

## Hymn 126

## The people who in darkness walked

1 The people who in darkness walked  
have seen a glorious light:  
on them broke the heavenly dawn  
who dwelt in death and night.

2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life,,  
the gathering nations come;  
joyous as when reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.

3 To us a promised child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
and all the hosts of heaven.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
for evermore adored;  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the mighty God and Lord.

5 His power increasing still shall spread,  
his reign no end shall know;  
justice shall guard his throne above,  
and peace abound below.

All things come from you, O God, and of your own have we given you. *Amen.*

## Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your

saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 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.**

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

People and Celebrant

<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</i>	<i>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.</i>
<i>Give us this day our daily bread.</i>	<i>Give us today our daily bread.</i>
<i>And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.</i>	<i>Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.</i>
<i>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</i>	<i>Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.</i>
<i>For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.</i>	<i>For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.</i>

**The Breaking of the Bread**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

For those unable or unwilling to receive the physical Communion at  
this time please pray the following with me:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed  
Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as  
I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for  
you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your  
Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and  
strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be  
separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in  
the life to come. Amen*

#### **Communion Hymn 440**

#### **Blessed Jesus, at thy word**

1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear thee,  
by thy teachings pure and holy,  
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded.  
Thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart;  
help us by thy spirit's pleading;  
hear the cry thy Church upraises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.*

Blessing

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts  
and minds in the knowledge of God and of God's son Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, and the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you  
now and always. Amen.

#### **Hymn 535**

#### **Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim**

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;  
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,  
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right,  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
And honor and blessing with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God.*

From *Book of Common Prayer 1979*  
Psalm from *the Saint Helena Breviary*  
Hymns from *Hymnal 1982*  
*Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Non-parochial clergy, including the Rev. Simon Barnes,  
the Rev. Mabel Fanguy,  
and  
the Rev. Daniel Hall, M.D.

### **Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God**

In Celebration of the  
Birthday of our daughter- in- law  
Alli Benton Kintner  
From Lisa Bell-Loncella and Jim Loncella

In Loving Memory of  
Alfred W. Barratt, Jr.  
Perpetual Flowers

### **Next Week's Readings**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:6-14  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through transformational  
worship and service.*