

# *St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

*January 23, 2022 10:00 am*

**Holy Eucharist Rite I**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn 365**

**Come, thou almighty King**

1 Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise.  
Father whose love unknown  
all things created own,  
build in our hearts thy throne,  
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word,  
by heaven and earth adored;  
our prayer attend:  
come and thy people bless,  
come give thy Word success,  
stablish thy righteousness  
Savior and friend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour:  
thou, who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

4 To thee, great One in Three,  
the highest praises be  
hence evermore;  
thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

The people standing, 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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### **The Gloria**

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high 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 with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lessons**

#### **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the

great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Here endeth the Reading.

## **Psalm 19**

*Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do

all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Here endeth the Reading.

### **Hymn 530**

### **Spread, O spread thou mighty word**

1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,  
spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
that to earth's remotest bound  
all may heed the joyful sound;

2 word of how the Father's will  
made the world, and keeps it, still;  
how his only Son he gave,  
earth from sin and death to save;

3 word of how the Savior's love  
earth's sore burden doth remove;  
how forever, in its need,  
through his death the world is freed;

4 word of how the Spirit came  
bringing peace in Jesus' name;  
how his never-failing love  
guides us on to heaven above.

5 Word of life, most pure and strong,  
word for which the nations long,  
spread abroad, until from night  
all the world awakes to light.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

## **Luke 4:14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill**

## **The Nicene Creed**

*I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;*

*who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Hear our prayer, O Lord.*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Ketlen, our Bishop that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Hear our prayer, O Lord.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

*Hear our prayer, O Lord.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe, our President and Tom, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Hear our prayer, O Lord.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

*Hear our prayer, O Lord.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them

continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Hear our prayer, O Lord.*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Minister and People

*Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter*

*serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
*1 Timothy 1:15*

### **The Peace**

The Celebrant says to the people

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

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

## **The Holy Communion**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### **Hymn 513**

**Like the murmur of the dove's song**

Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
Like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
Like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,  
To the branches of the vine,  
To the church in faith assembled,  
To her midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,  
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness,  
With the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer II**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them says*

The Lord be with you.  
People *And with thy spirit.*  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People *We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
People *It is meet and right so to do.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of

you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

*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.*

### **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.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

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 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 321**

### **My God, thy table now is spread**

1 My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests:  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless numbers let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread all men be blest  
who see the light or feel the sun.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **Hymn 539      O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling**

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should fail to know his love and might.

*Refrain:*

Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace  
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
and died on earth that all might live above.

*Refrain:*

Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious;  
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious;  
till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day.

*Refrain:*

He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him,  
make known to every heart his saving grace;  
let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him,  
through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

*Refrain:*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God*

From *Book of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *Hymnal 1982*

### **Annual Parish Meeting In-Person and via Zoom following today's 10:00 AM worship service**

We will vote on the 2022 Church budget  
and elect lay deputies to the Diocesan Convention.  
Please plan to attend.



## **Annual Pledge Campaign for Calendar Year 2022 Underway**

*“Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”*                      *1 Chronicles 29:14*

St. Mark’s is our home, a loving community to which we return throughout our lifetime, if not every Sunday.

Christian stewardship calls us to return to God what belongs to God – return our time, talent and treasure to the place where you know God’s work is being done, where God’s love is returned to God and our neighbor. As we work to be good stewards, St. Mark’s Church will embody the mission that the Vestry adopted early in 2020: **Sharing Christ’s love unconditionally through transformational worship and service.**

Please prayerfully consider making your annual pledge. Your increased support will allow us to sustain and grow our ministries and share God’s love with even more people.

Please take a few moments to fill out your 2022 Pledge Card and return it to the Church Office ASAP.

Pledge Cards are available through the church office—call (814) 535-6797 or email: [stmarks@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:stmarks@atlanticbbn.net) A copy is also available on the Church website under Stewardship (<https://saintmarksjohnstown.com/stewardship/>.)

Pledge payments can be made by check or on-line (<https://saintmarksjohnstown.com/give-to-support-st-marks-and-its-ministries/>)

If you are not yet ready to pledge, but want to support the ministries of St. Mark’s, please go to the “Donate” page of our website ( <https://saintmarksjohnstown.com/give-to-support-st-marks-and-its-ministries/> ) to see the many ways that you can contribute and make your donation by Paypal or credit card.

## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Church of the Atonement, Carnegie, and the Rev. Ben Wright; and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carnegie, and the Rev. Sara Irwin

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

In Honor of Our  
Parish Family  
at St. Mark’s

## **Next Week’s Readings**

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

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