

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany February 5, 2023, Rite 2 Year A

Thank you for joining us in worship. We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

We Love God

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

We Love Each Other

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

We Love Our Community

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

We Love Our Faith

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

520 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond VA 23220 804-358-4771 stmarksrva.org **Epiphany** is a season to remember the mission of the church, to proclaim the gospel, to trust in God, and to live as if God's reign has come, in spite of all evidence to the contrary. Epiphany is an invitation to go on a journey we cannot order or control, following in a way we cannot fully comprehend and the world deems foolish and irresponsible.

---John Westerhoff

Basic Liturgics-How the Church Talks About the Service

Liturgy: "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

Eucharist: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy/The Structure of the Service:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

(1) The Liturgy of the Word

- The Gathering Rite

- The Lessons & Sermon

- The Creed

- The Intercessions and Confession

- The Peace

(2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

- The Offertory

- The Eucharistic Prayer

- The Lord's Prayer

- The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread

- Holy Communion

- The Post-Communion Prayer

- Blessing and Dismissal

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship-- Worship is the work of many hands:

Celebrant, Presider, Officiant: A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

Deacon: A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being chalice-bearers.

Book-bearer: The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

Lector: A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

Intercessor: A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

Oblation-bearers: Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

Ushers: Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

Greeters: Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

Floral Guild: Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

Alter Guild: Those who operate Zoom for worship.

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two The Word of God



Opening Acclamation

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

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

Collect for Purity

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 Lectern

The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A reading from the Book of Isiah

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Don Kyser

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

A Reading from First Corinthians

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Beth Wentworth

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

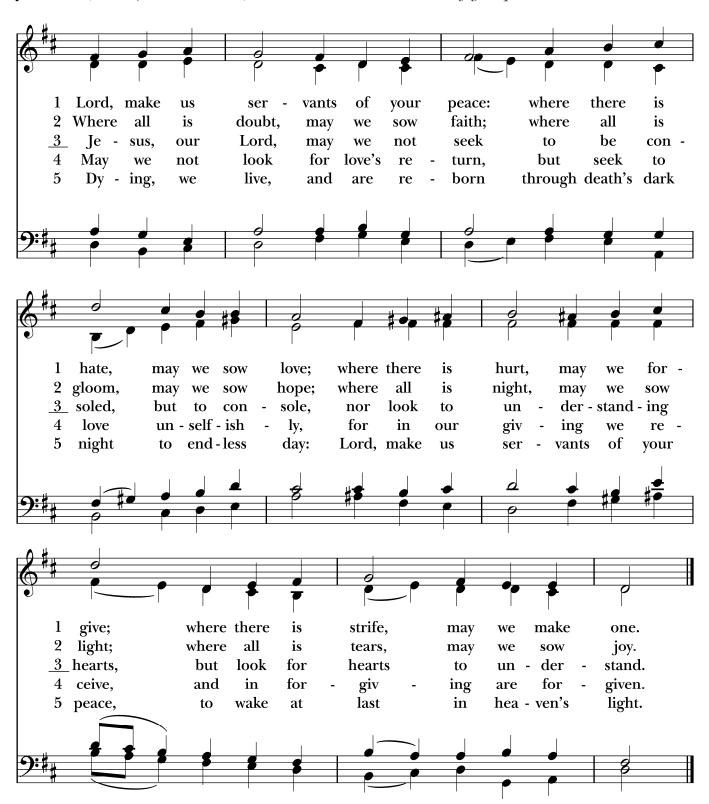
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 593 (1982 Hymnal-Blue Book)

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College





The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

The Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew *All:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon The Rev. Judy Davis



The Baptismal Font

Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

(Please stand as you are able)

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.

Prayers of the People

Carter Strite

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Mark and Gayle our bishops; for this gathering, for the ministries and people of St. Mark's, for the congregation and clergy of Immanuel, Old Church, Mechanicsville.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill within and among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick or recovering, especially Robin, Isabel and Miles, Larry, Carole, Terrance, Tamara, Mike, Ryn, Steve, Sam, Ethel, Margaret, Gray, Phyllis, Juette, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Bryson, Doris, Shanae, Amy, Bryson, Mary-Margaret, Joe, Paula, Bobby, Sandi, Hiram, Lane, Kristy, Renee, Alicia, Emily, Bill, Joe, Sheila, Dao and Hoang, Brontë, Martha, Carolyn, David, Gwen, Randi, Nancy, Allison, Stefan, Abby, Carver Elementary Class 210, Harold, Karl, David, Marion, Stephen, Jay and family, Hollis, and Donna.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find God.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for the departed. (Pause) Pray for those who have died, especially Betty Davis.

(Silence)

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Pat, John, and Steve, and all those celebrating anniversaries, especially Carol and Mary.

(Silence)

I ask you to pray for the coming of God's realm in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions; to earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city; to express compassion and care for our natural environment.

(Silence)

I ask that you add your own prayers and thanksgivings aloud or silently.

(Silence)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Concluding Collect

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

The Holy Communion

Invitation to Holy Communion

Presider: The central act of faith and worship in the Episcopal Church is Holy Communion This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been here long; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is God's will that those who want God should meet here.

St Marks

(Remain seated)

Offertory Lead me, Lord S. S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

(Please stand as you are able)

At the Presentation, Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



The Communion Vessels

The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace" in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or "host"), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All: By your will they were created and have their being.

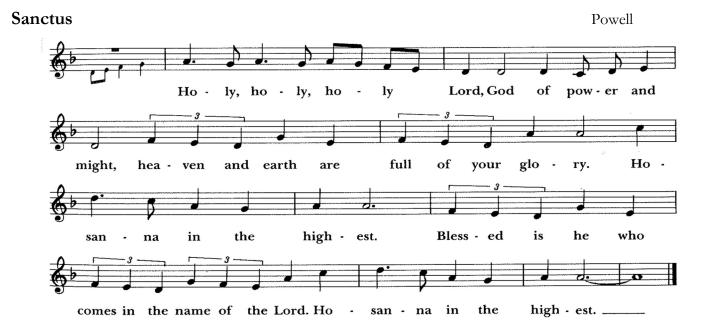
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, *All:* We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers in faith: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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

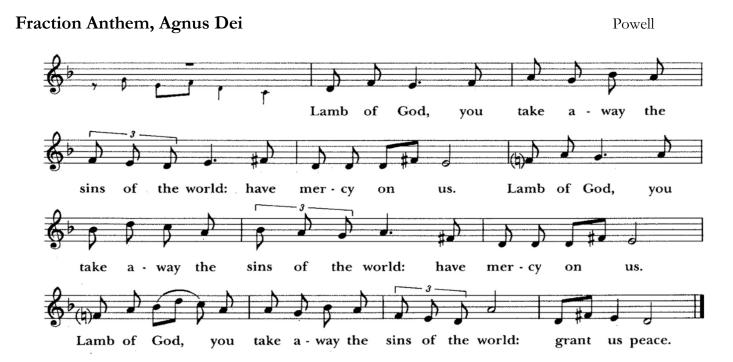
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Communion

Please come forward as the ushers direct you and put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer.

For a gluten free wafer please inform your serving priest.

You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice.

If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher and the clergy will bring communion to you.



(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: 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 (Please stand as you are able)





The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mark's Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and serve the Risen Lord and each other.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude How firm a foundation setting by J. Blersch

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The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God In Memory of David Patrick Lenz By Rob McTier and Douglas D'Urso

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

<u>Parishioners:</u> Robin Goodman, Isabel and Miles Tucker, Larry Dawson, Carole Shahda, Terrance Prokosh, Tamara Orr, Mike Oliver, Ryn Kennedy, Steve Row, Sam Shute, Ethel Kutteroff, Margaret Franklin, Gray Morris, Phyllis Iverson, Juette Iverson, Diane Hoover, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, Bill Piercy, and Doris Enroughty.

Our extended family and friends: Shanae, Amy Burks, Bryson Henderson, Mary-Margaret, Joe Ruskowski, Paula, Bobby Walthall, Sandi, Hiram, Lane Hopkins, Kristy Rose, Renee Reid, Alicia Golden, Emily Tafel, Bill Dawson, Joe Earnest, Sheila Daly, Dao and Hoang Tran, Brontë Spalding, Lisa Rowe, Martha, Carolyn Campbell, David Peake, Gwen Weylon, Randi Smith, Nancy Strite, Allison, Stefan, Abby Bishop, Carver Elementary Class 210, Harold Rhodes, Karl, David Dotson, Marion Broome, Stephen Brown, Jay Shatzkin and family, Hollis Daniels, the Kirkpatrick family, and Donna Raubenstine.

For those who have died: especially Betty Davis.

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Pat Yancey, John Denson, and Steve Clark.

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Carol Schall and Mary Townley.

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> For the congregation and clergy of Immanuel, Old Church, Mechanicsville.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the coming of God's realm in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions; to earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city; to express compassion and care for our natural environment.

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All are Welcome Here

Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the "Welcome" card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

Founded in 1866 to serve the working people of Richmond, St. Mark's Church is an active member of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, 110 West Franklin Street, Richmond, VA, 23220, 804-643-8451, and the Anglican Communion.

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