



# St Mark's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## love is our tradition

**The First Sunday After the Epiphany  
The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 7, 2024 Rite 2 Year B**

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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.

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*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**

**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 Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

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| (1) The Liturgy of the Word        | (2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table |
| - The Gathering Rite               | - The Offertory                                    |
| - The Lessons & Sermon             | - The Eucharistic Prayer                           |
| - The Creed                        | - The Lord's Prayer                                |
| - The Intercessions and Confession | - The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread        |
| - The Peace                        | - Holy Communion                                   |
|                                    | - The Post-Communion Prayer                        |
|                                    | - Blessing and Dismissal                           |

### **Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:**

*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.

## 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 or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

*We three kings*

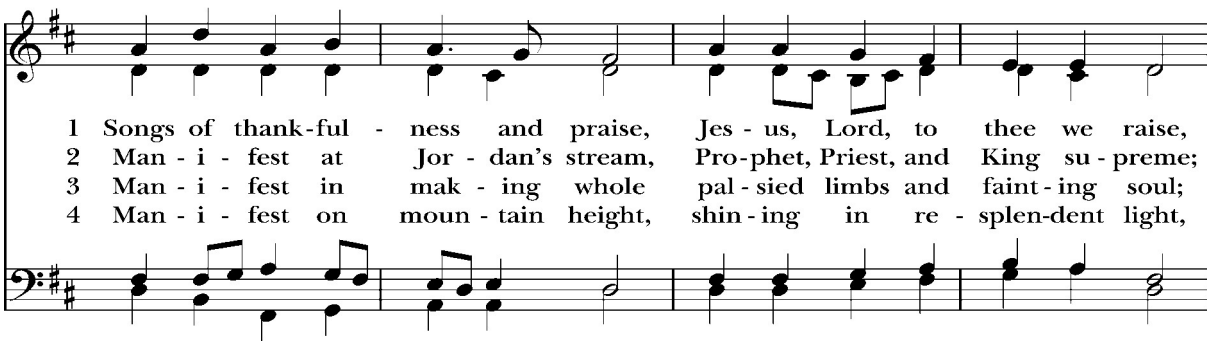
arr. Fred Bock

*(Please stand as you are able)*

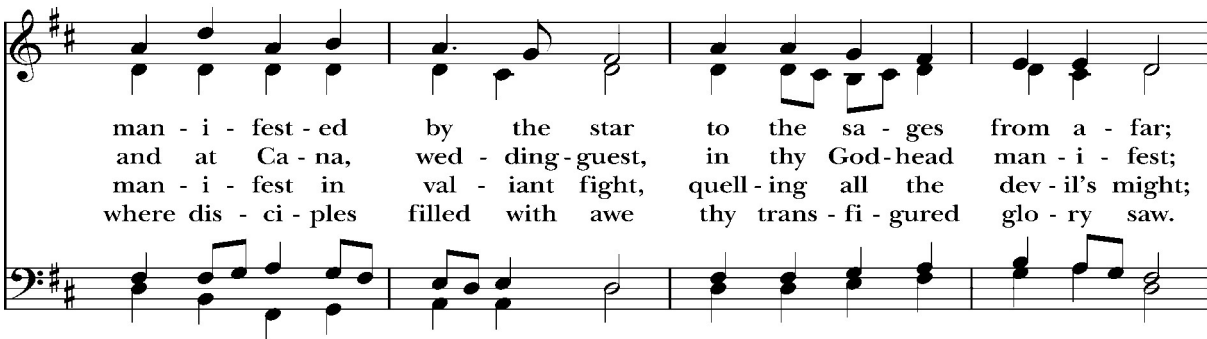
Hymn 135 (1982 Hymnal Blue Book)

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

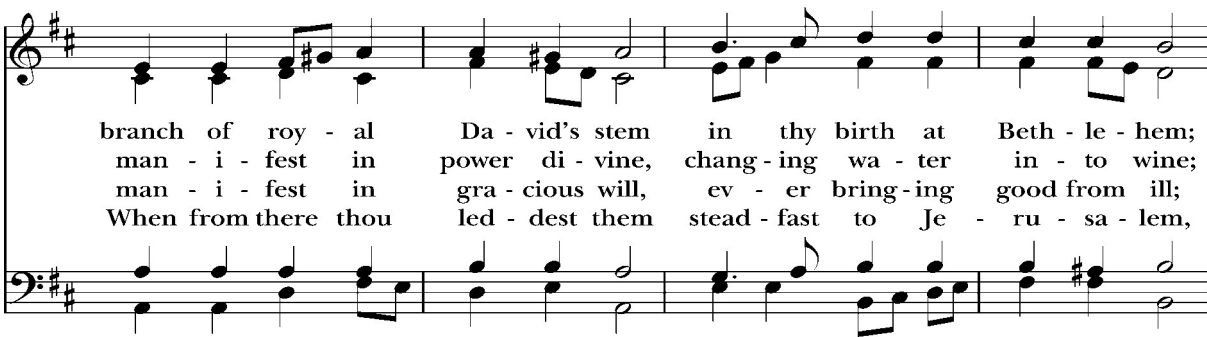
*Salzburg*



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

## 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.

## Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be -  
tween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of

depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you. Glo - ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

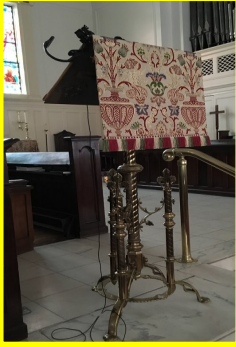
## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Presider:* Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **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.

*(Please be seated)*

### The Lessons

#### A Reading from the Book of Genesis

*Genesis 1:1-5*

Dale Salyers

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 29

*Afferte Domino*

Dale Salyers

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

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7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**A Reading from the Book of Acts**

*Acts 19:1-7*

Tamara Orr

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

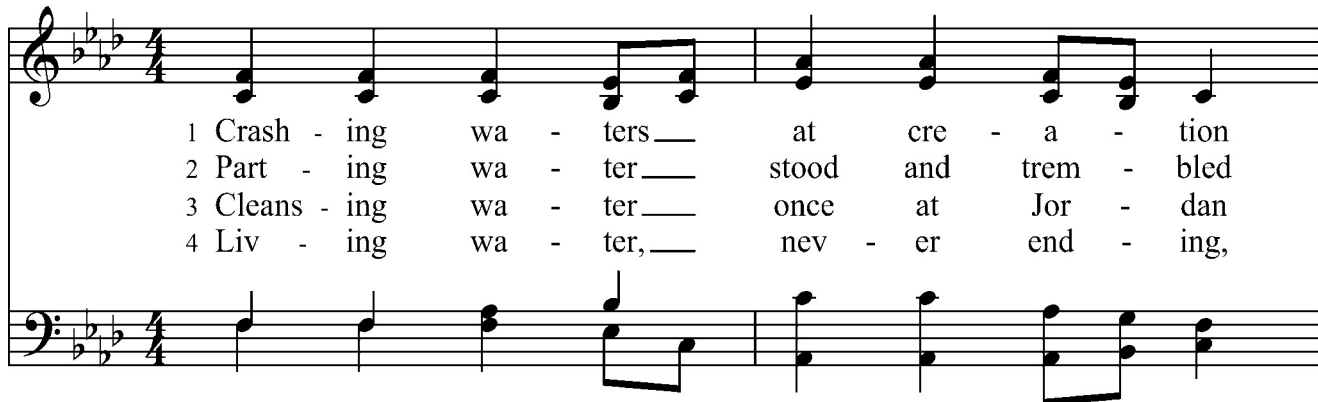
**All: Thanks be to God.**

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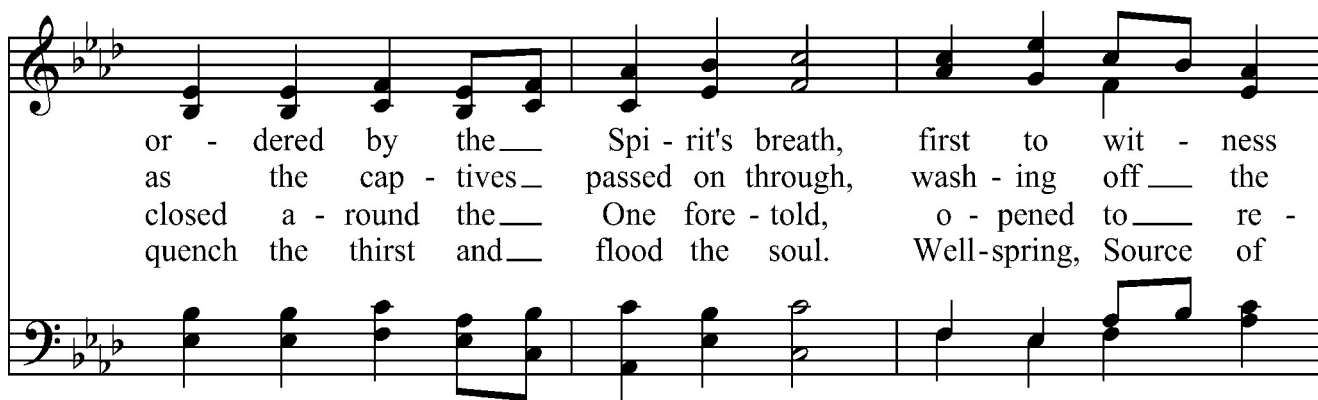
Hymn 95 (My Heart Sings Out)

Crashing waters at creation

Restoration



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled  
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing,



or - dered by the Spi - rit's breath, first to wit - ness  
as the cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing off the  
closed a - round the One fore - told, o - pened to re -  
quench the thirst and flood the soul. Well-spring, Source of



day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
chains of bond - age - chan - nel to a life made new.  
veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.





## 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

*Mark 1:4-11*

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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. Benjamin R. Badgett

## 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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Book of Common Prayer page 292

*Presider:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*All:* **I do.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*All:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*All:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*All:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**All:** I will, with God's help.

*Presider:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**All:** I will, with God's help.

*The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **AMEN.**

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

**Prayers of the People**

Cameron Cutro

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**All: That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for the ministries of St. Mark's; for all the baptized in their daily life and work; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Mark and Gayle our bishops; for the congregations and clergy of Epiphany, Oak Hill, Herndon, and Good Shepherd of the Hills, Boonesville, Free Union; for all laity, bishops, priests, and deacons.

**All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

**All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: For racial reconciliation, healing, and justice in Metropolitan Richmond; for an end to all personal and structural racial prejudice and discrimination, beginning with what is in our own hearts. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

**All: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially Karen, Keith, Betty, Phillip, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Ethel, Margaret, Phyllis, Julette, Marsha, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, the Hardison and Strite family, Pam, Scott and the Taylor family, Bernard, Lauren, Malynda, Wayne, Clair, Ginny, Debbie, Ronnie, Judy, Bev and Larry, Caroline, the Tracy Family, Bianca, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, the Lord and Walton family, Richard, Alice, Garry, Wayne and Sue, Marsha and David, Teagan and the Kuehnle family, Will, Robin, Denise, Gloria, William, Henry, Rick, Gene, Karen, Rick, Amy, the Henderson family, Kristy, Martha, Carolyn, Randi, Marion, Hollis, and Donna. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

**All: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to all the departed eternal rest, especially Jim “Poppy” Taylor and Nancy Strite.

**All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

**All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We offer our prayers for those celebrating birthdays, especially Elaine and Michael, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

*(Silence)*

## **Concluding Collect**

### **The Confession of Sin**

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All: 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 Absolution**

*Presider:* 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**

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

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please stand as you are able. 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 or The Liturgy of the Table

## Invitation to Holy Communion

*(Remain seated)*



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## Offertory

*O lux beatissima*

Howard Helvey

Translation of the Latin:

O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.  
Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## At The Presentation, Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

*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:

# Sanctus

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) on the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*(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.**

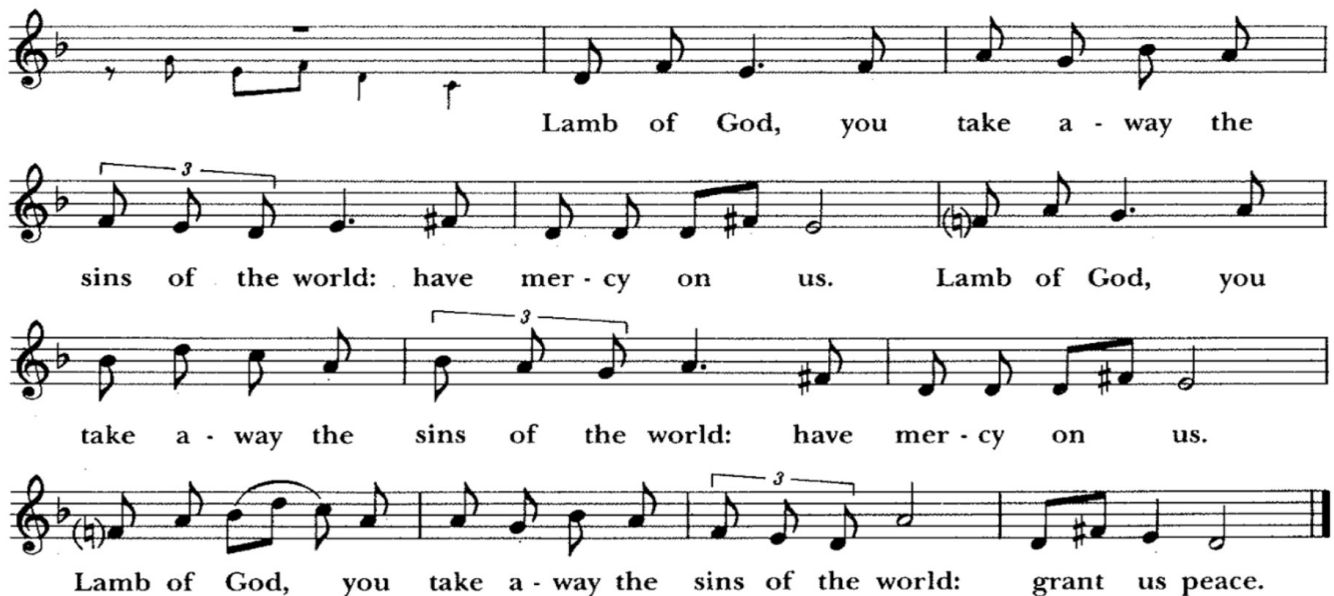
## The Breaking of the Bread

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

*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

Powell



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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



**The Holy Communion:** *ALL are welcome to share in Communion.*

### Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the rail you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. 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.

#### Communion

*"Of the Father's heart begotten"*

Words: Corde Natus Ex Parentis

Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-405)

Trans: Roby Furley Davis

Music: *Divinum Mysterium* 11th Century

Source: The English Hymnal, 1906

1. Of the Father's heart begotten  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain,  
All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.
2. By his word was all created;  
He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
Universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
All that breathes beneath the sun,  
Evermore and evermore.
3. He assumed this mortal body,  
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
That the race from dust created  
Might not perish utterly,  
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced  
In the depths of hell to lie,  
Evermore and evermore.
4. O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived,  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
Evermore and evermore.

5. This is he, whom seer and sybil  
Sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealed  
In the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;  
Let the world his praises cry!  
Evermore and evermore.
6. Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
Evermore and evermore.
7. Hail! thou Judge of souls departed;  
Hail! of all the living King!  
On the Father's right hand throned,  
Through his courts thy praises ring,  
Till at lest for all offences  
Righteous judgement thou shalt bring,  
Evermore and evermore.
8. Now let old and young uniting  
Chant to thee harmonious lays  
Maid and matron hymn thy glory,  
Infant lips their anthem raise,  
Boys and girls together singing  
With pure heart their song of praise,  
Evermore and evermore.
9. Let the storm and summer sunshine,  
Gliding stream and sounding shore,  
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,  
Day and night their Lord alone;  
Let creation join to laud thee  
Through the ages evermore,  
Evermore and evermore.

## 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

Hymn 58 (*Voices Found*)

*Spirit of God, you moved over the waters*

*O quanta qualia*

1 Spi - rit of God, you moved o - ver the wa - ters  
2 Spi - rit of God, by the pro - phets you sought us,  
3 Spi - rit of God, like a dove you once rest - ed,  
4 Spi - rit of God, like a might - y wind blow - ing:  
5 Help us to see you, still call - ing and car - ing,

whisp - ring God's love to the whole of cre - a - tion.  
cal - ling us back from our pride - filled be - ha - vior.  
show - ing God's joy on the day Christ was bap - tized.  
sud - den - ly Chris - tians stopped hid - ing and fear - ing.  
help us to know you a - mong us, cre - at - ing.

You breathe your life in - to God's sons and daugh - ters,  
Through cho - sen lead - ers you reached us and taught us;  
You sent Christ out to the hills to be test - ed,  
You gave them cour - age and love o - ver - flow - ing,  
Spi - rit of God, give us cour - age and dar - ing—

giv - ing us tal - ents and your in - spi - ra - tion.  
by your own gift we were giv - en our Sav - ior.  
through you, he called us to see God with new eyes.  
so they pro - claimed you to all in their hear - ing.  
to share God's love with a world that is wait - ing.

## The Ambry



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## The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*In thee is gladness, BWV 615*

J. S. Bach

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Those celebrating birthdays: especially Elaine Wittel and Michael Creger.

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Those who have died: especially Jim “Poppy” Taylor and Nancy Strite.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregations and clergy of Epiphany, Oak Hill, Herndon, and Good Shepherd of the Hills, Boonesville, Free Union.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray to overcome in Christ’s name the heritage of racism: For racial reconciliation, healing, and justice in Metropolitan Richmond; for an end to all personal and structural racial prejudice and discrimination, beginning with what is in our own hearts.

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