

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/ TRANSFIGURATION/ ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026 YEAR A

Welcome

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! Whether this is your first time or thousandth time in worship with us, we are so glad you are here. St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, committed to celebrating God's creative love in all people. Together, we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You are welcome here—in worship, at the communion table, and in our walk together.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship each week, you are invited to find a comfortable space to sit quietly and listen to the prelude. The prelude is the first part of worship, setting the tone for what is to come and helping God's people to unplug from the rhythms of daily life and prepare for a time of worship. We hope this musical offering will resonate in your soul and invite you into our worship practice.

Prelude “Récit, Plein Jeu”

Pierre DuMage (1674-1751)

Introit “Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair”

Robert Scholz (1939-2021)

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Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
O Father with the eternal Son and Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray you, bring us by your grace to see your glory face to face.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 129 “Christ upon the mountain peak”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

The 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.***

Gloria S277 Hurd

(Blue 1982 Hymnal)

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Together let us pray.

(In Unison) O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have

written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 *see next page*

The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 134 “O light of Light, Love given birth” *Blue 1982 Hymanl*

Thomas Norris

1 The LORD is King; let the | people | tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; |
let the | earth | shake.

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3 Let them confess his Name, which is | great and | awesome; *
he | is the | Holy | One.

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down be-|fore his | footstool; *
he | is the | Holy | One.

7 He spoke to them out of the | pillar • of | cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the de-|cree that he | gave
them.

2 The LORD is | great in | Zion; *
he is | high a- | bove all | peoples.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have est- | ablished | equity; *
you have execu- | tive and | righteous- | ness in | Jacob."

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those
who call up- | on his | Name, *
they called upon the | LORD, | and he | answered them.

8 O LORD our God, you | answered • them im- | deed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them | for their | evil | deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his | holy | hill; *
for the LORD our | God • is the | Holy | One.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Homily

The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

The Nicene Creed (from *Enriching our Worship*)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Leader Let us pray to God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness and whose glory is like a cleansing fire; praying, God of abundant love and light, ***"We put our trust in you."***

We pray for your church throughout the world, that we may proclaim your goodness and that our works give you honor;

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney and Jerre our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Thomas Deaf Episcopal Church in Crestwood;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Parroquia Ayudada La Resurreccion in Manati;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We give thanks on their birthdays with John Fee, Bob Mullgardt and Daniel Tracy. God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for those chosen to govern peoples and nations, that they may serve with wisdom and compassion and promote the welfare of all people; God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for peace, that the peoples of the world may live in safety and without fear, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and Gaza; God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for all those burdened by anguish or illness, and for those who care for them with love and healing. We pray for the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, for victims of violence, and for the poor and immigrants and those who have been

taken from their homes and families and for those who live with this fear; God of abundant love and light,
We put our trust in you.

We pray for children in the juvenile justice systems of our country and especially in St. Louis City and County, their families, staffs, chaplains, volunteers, and supporters of Episcopal City Mission, that they may be embraced by your care and know your peace; God of abundant love and light,
We put our trust in you.

We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need;

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

We pray for all who struggle with addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery;

We pray for those serving in the armed forces; God of abundant love and light,
We put our trust in you.

We pray for those who have died, that they may find rest and peace in the dawn of eternal life in God's presence; God of abundant love and light,

We put our trust in you.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Give us courage, God our strength, to see your Christ in all who suffer, to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

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 *All stand as able. The Presider says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

*The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers*

Children's Time

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

“Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor” George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of Life, my soul inspiring, At Thy feet I cry, my
Maker, let me be a fit artaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, Thy glory given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, let me gladly here obey Thee, By Thy love I am
invited, be Thy love with love requited; From this Supper let me measure, Lord,
how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gifts Thou here dost give me as
Thy guest in heaven receive me. ©1956, Concordia Publishing House.

The Holy Eucharist II

Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*

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Presider It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heav'n 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Presider and People

Holy, Holy, Holy S130 Schubert Blue 1982 Hymnal

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

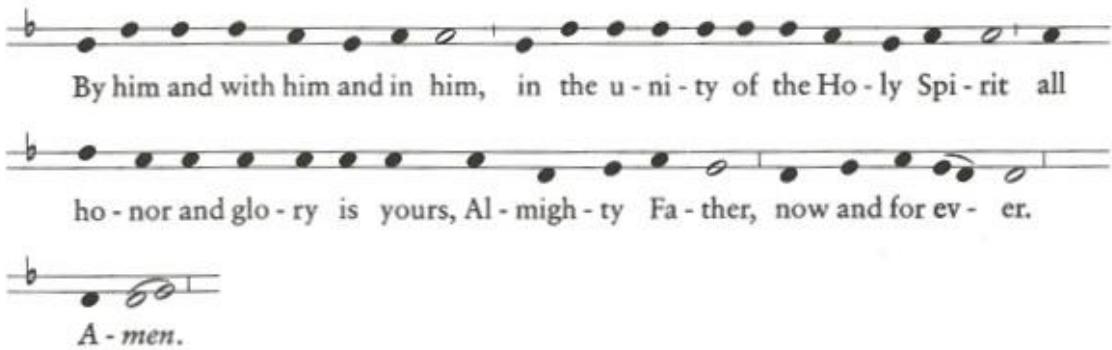
On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus 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, God of grace,
We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Presider

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem S 164 Schubert

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. At the altar rail, please let the priest know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 325 “Let us break bread together on our knees”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Post Communion Prayer

Presider God is with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Together, let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Presider Loving God, light of hope and promise of peace.

People ***We give you thanks.***

Presider For the body and blood of Christ our Savior.

People ***We give you thanks.***

Presider For the journey ahead and what we do not yet know;

People ***For your presence, and your challenge, and the joy we cannot yet imagine, we offer ourselves. Thanks be to God. Amen!***

The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn WLP 780 “Lord, you give the great commission” *see next page*

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude “Grand Jeu”

Pierre DuMage (1674-1751)

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Music Note: Today we honor Black History Month by singing the Gloria of African American composer David Hurd and the spiritual “Let us break bread together.”

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Susan Goen *Usher:* Matthew Cashen *Greeter:* Marti Robards

Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery *Livestream:* Scott Thompson

Crucifer: Jonathan Robards *Chalice:* Greg Diekemper/Jonathan Robards

Godly Play: Jeffery *Coffee Hour:* Annual Meeting

Closing Hymn WLP 780 “Lord, you give the great commission” *Abbot’s Leigh*

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my
 4. Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; “I am

sick and preach - the word.” Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach.” That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood.” Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end.” Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth’s true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

With the Spir - it's

With the Spir - it's

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

Please join us after Worship today for our Annual Meeting. Soups will be provided and people have signed up to bring salad, bread and desserts. Childcare will be available. A zoom meeting has been created and emailed to our parishioners along with a link to the Annual Report.

Usher Training

There will be a training for all current ushers and those interested in joining the usher team on Sunday, 3/1 after worship in the sanctuary.

Coffee Hours

Back by popular demand! Please join Delaney+ at Coffee Hour. The next coffee hour is This Thursday, February 19th at the Knead Bakehouse from 10:30am-noon.

Evensong at the Christ Church Cathedral

On Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. St. Mark's choir will join the choir of Christ Church Cathedral in a service of Evensong at the Cathedral. In celebration of Black History month, the service will feature works of African American composers William Grant Still, David Hurd, Fela Sowande, and others. We are very honored to

have been invited to participate, and we hope that many St. Mark's folks will attend. All are welcome!

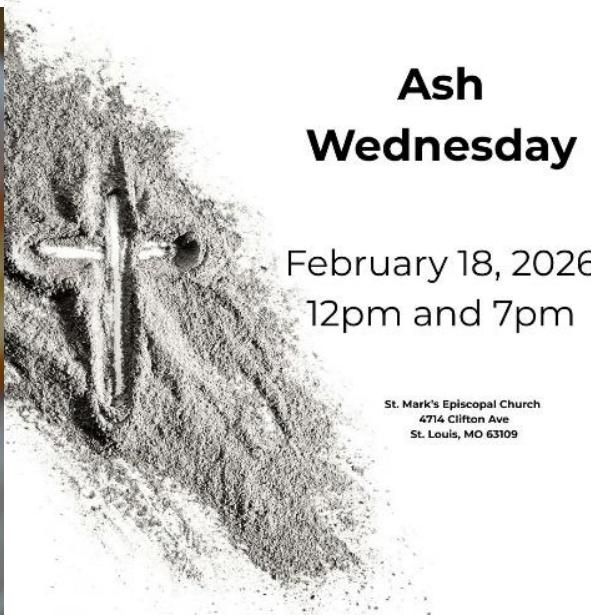


Journey through Lent

Journey through Lent Calendars are now available on the back credenza in the back of the church.

Living Sparks of God's Love

Emmanuel is hosting a one day retreat for all interested in preparing their hearts and minds for the Lenten Season. Saturday February 28th from 8:30am-4pm. The cost is \$30 per person. Breakfast and lunch is included. [HERE](#) is the flyer with more information, or click on the QR code below.



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026
12pm and 7pm

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Your generosity is a blessing!



We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Duane and Anne Benson, Yulia Borjte, Canon Desiree Brattin, Steve Chamberlin, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Stephanie Maass, the McLean, Haggerty, and Casey families, Penny McCullough, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Kristen Patterson, Barbara Raedeke, Nancy Raedeke, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Rick Schubert, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, Dominic Walker, Roy Watts, David and Doris Westfall, The White Family, Gene Wilberg, Susan Winfrey, The Workman Family, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Marian, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug, Fritz, Rebecca, Lynn, Catreta and Dennis.

We give thanks on their birthdays with John Fee, Bob Mullgardt and Daniel Tracy.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

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