



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 2023 YEAR A

Prelude

“Fugue, Trio, Dialogue”

François Couperin (1668-1733)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 556 (v.1-5) “Rejoice, ye pure in heart!” (*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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

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

Psalm 15 see next page

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks

Cont. page 4

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitat?

1 LORD, who may | dwell • in your | tabernacle? *
who may abide u-| pon your | holy | hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and | does • what is |
right, *
who | speaks the | truth • from his | heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no | evil • to his | friend; *
he does not heap con-| tempt up- | on his | neighbor.

4 In his sight the | wicked • is re-| jected, *
but he honors | those who | fear the | LORD.

5 He has sworn to | do no | wrong *
and | does not • take | back his | word.

6 He does not give his money in | hope of | gain, *
nor does he take a | bribe a-|gainst the | innocent.

7 Whoever | does these | things *
shall | never • be | over-|thrown.

desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 656 "Blest are the pure in heart" (*Blue 1982 Hymnal*)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Mark Kozielec

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All: We believe in God the Creator,
infinite in wisdom, mercy and love,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of God's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the divine presence in our lives,
who sustains and strengthens us, especially in our time of need.
We believe in one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
and that our faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Savior,
that the realm of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader As God chooses to walk with the weak, let us boldly offer our prayers for all those who in their weakness need justice and kindness; saying, God of abundant love and light, “**Protect all your children, we pray.**”

We pray for the holy catholic church throughout the world, that we may proclaim Christ crucified as the power of God and the wisdom of God;

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, for Teresa our Priest Associate, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End as they seek a new Rector;

In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for the Church of Pakistan (United);

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the people and ministry of the Orden Franciscana Diocesana;

In the local ecumenical cycle, we pray for our sisters and brothers at the House of Prayer;

We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters;

We give thanks on her birthdays with Anne Constantinescu-Brad and on their Anniversary with Jeanette and Otto Schoenberg. God of abundant love and light,

Protect all your children, we pray.

We pray for prophets in every land who rebuke the spirits of greed and violence, oppression and despair, and for all who teach the truth of God; God of abundant love and light,

Protect all your children, we pray.

We pray for this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for those who guard the peace; God of abundant love and light,

Protect all your children, we pray.

We pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease, and that peace and justice may reign, praying especially for the people of Ukraine; God of abundant love and light,

Protect all your children, we pray.

We pray for all those burdened by anguish or illness, and for those who care for them with love and healing. We pray for prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, for all immigrants and refugees; God of abundant love and light,

Protect all your children, we pray

. 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,

Protect all your children, we pray.

We pray for the dying and the dead, that they may know the comfort of your eternal light; God of abundant love and light,

Protect all your children, we pray.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love. **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

Presider 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*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

“Festal Anthem” arr. Larry Long (b. 1954)

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God’s own truth and
light, Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob’s race, King David’s Son,
Our Lord and master, you have won

Our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,
All victorious, Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!
©2006 World Library Publications

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching Our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

On the night before his suffering and death, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 S164 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.*

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. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace" (Blue 1982 Hymnal)

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 782 "Gracious Spirit, give your servants" (see next page)

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Tuba Tune in D Major "

C. S. Lang (1891-1971) ©1929 J. B. Cramer

All music used with permission from OneLicense.net #A704954

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Susan Goen *Usher:* Greg Diekemper *Greeter:* Marti Robards

Altar Guild: Jon Danieley *Chalice:* Carlos Carrillo *Godly Play:* Borowiak

Livestream: Scott Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of St. Mark's Episcopal Church will take place on **Today Sunday, January 29, 2023, directly following the 10:00 AM worship service.**

Please plan to be there because it's also the **RETURN of the 5TH SUNDAY POT-LUCK BRUNCH!** After a three-year hiatus, the 5th Sunday Pot-Luck Brunch is back! We look forward to seeing you there! Celeste is available for childcare and care for toddlers during the annual meeting.

Closing Hymn WLP 782 "Gracious Spirit, give your servants" *Abbot's Leigh*

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
 ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour-age and com -
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944) Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907–1991) Copyright: Words: © 1997 Hope Publishing Co. Music: © 1942. Renewal 1970, Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

We Pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Deon, our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, for Teresa our Priest Associate, and for all the People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End as they seek a new Rector;

In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for the Church of Pakistan (United);

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the people and ministry of the Orden Franciscana Diocesana;

In the local ecumenical cycle, we pray for our sisters and brothers at the House of Prayer;

We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters;

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Stephanie Anderson, Fred Appleby, Vickie B., Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Kelly Borowiak, Becky Burley, Marianne & Steve Chamberlin, Janet and George Chance, Marsha and Keith Cornell, Janice Craft, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Candace Farmer, Mary Feldmeier, David Goen and his wife, Carlos Gomez, Megan, Peggy and Ron Graul, Stephanie Henline, Yaz Hernandez and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Peggy Holmes, Andrew Hvatum and family, Margaret Hvatum, Sharon H., Ellen Jeffery, Sonja Jenkins, Dayna Jewson, Ellen, Kelly, Barbra Macke and Beth, Justin Martin, Charlene Mayfield, Jaxon Menner, Katie Merek, Crystal Mersch, Terry Muckelston, Jenny Mullikin, Gary & Kathy Makely, Kim Medley, Scott Medley, Robin Mendica, Cathy Menendez, Barbara Muensh, Nina Olmsted, Sandra Olmstead, Jen Peavy, Maureen Polasek, Angelo Powell, Bailee Ratterree, Devon Rauch and family, Chris Reeves and family, Tim Reeves and family, Shannon Robinson, Susan Rowe and family, Emma Elizabeth Roland, Scott Schmidt, Becky Schroeder, Pam Sellers, Tom Sellers, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, The Thompson Family, Kevin and Kathy Tracy, Ethan VanEnglenhoven, Peter and Beverly Van Horne and their family, Ann Vannier, John Watts, Lindsay Watts, Margie Weaver, Marilyn & David Wiethop, Justin Williams, Susan Winfrey, Cheryl Wyatt, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Sam, Paige, Leo.

We give thanks on her birthday with Anne Constantinescu-Brad and on their anniversary with Jeanette and Otto Schoenberg.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jon Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Chris Weinrich, and Matthew.

**SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4714 Clifton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63109**

314/832-3588

mark@saintmarks-stl.org

www.saintmarks-stl.org

parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org

The Rt. Rev. K. Deon Johnson	Bishop of MO	Barbara Raedeke	Organist and Choir Director
The Rev. Mark Kozielec	Rector	Celeste Kocot	Youth Christian Formation
The Rev. Jerre Birdsong	Deacon	Melissa Engle	Parish Administrator
The Rev. Dr. Teresa K.M Danieley Priest Associate			