

*Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*  
**February 23, 2025**

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (in-person and live-streamed)



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
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## Welcome to St. Mark's!

... a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest sign-in sheet in the foyer and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card. Also, please take a welcome folder on the Welcome Desk.

**Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday— 9 a.m. to noon.**

**Weather Policy:** St. Mark's will post closures to WZZM 13, WOOD TV8, Facebook and our website by 7:00 a.m. or as soon as possible. The decision on afternoon and evening activities will be made separately, posted by noon.

**Reserved Accessible Spaces:** Note, there are three designated spaces for those with assistive devices or in need of extra space, two in the north transept and one on the north side of the nave. Please, leave those spaces available and the adjoining pews for family members.

**Safety:** The outer doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize. Please, pay attention to the nearest exit in the Sanctuary. An announcement will be made in case of an emergency. Children will be ushered out of the building to a designated place for safety away from the Church complex.

**Parking on Sundays:** Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. If you are able, please, consider not parking in the Parish Lot to reserve access for those less mobile. Consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the Kendall Lot across the street when the gate is up, the upper levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street (only until 2 p.m.), and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: vouchers for free parking on Sundays are available from an Usher, a Greeter or on the Resource Table in the north transept (must be used along with original parking ticket).

**Rest Rooms** are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. Additional rest rooms are located on the second level of the Parish House; those able to use stairs are encouraged to use upper-floor restrooms.

**Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's:** Eucharist on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon from September through May. Compline (Night Prayer) on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. All are always welcome!

**Sunday School:** We offer children's and youth formation, including Make a Joyful Noise with Mr. Alex, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Nursery care for children under kindergarten is available from 9:15 a.m. through the 10:30 a.m. Service. For more information please contact Jeff Brown, Director of Faith Formation, at [jeffb@stmarksgr.org](mailto:jeffb@stmarksgr.org).

**Youth Ministry: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth:** G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Jeff Brown, for more information: [jeffatgrey@gmail.com](mailto:jeffatgrey@gmail.com).

**Adult Formation Ministry:** *Adult Forums* are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at different times of the year. *Episcopal 101: An Inquirer's Journey* is offered yearly for adults especially those seeking Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church or to Reaffirm one's faith. A multi-year seminar, *Education for Ministry* (EFM), is offered during the program year. Please, contact Doug Karsen for more information at [karsencd@gmail.com](mailto:karsencd@gmail.com).

**Breakfast Café Ministry:** A program to nourish our neighbors with a hot meal, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information and to possibly volunteer, please contact Judy Freeman at [judyfw@comcast.net](mailto:judyfw@comcast.net).

**Land Acknowledgment:** St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the indigenous people of the Three Fires. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds created many years ago by our forebears.

St. Mark's eNews: For the fullest expression of St. Marks' activities, see the weekly eNews in your email or our website.

Cell Phones: We ask that you silence your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

### St. Mark's Staff

The Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector  
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon

Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager  
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Jeff Brown, Director of Faith Formation  
Alexis VanZalen, Organ Scholar

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Marquice Jackson, Weekend Sexton  
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## The Gathering of God's People

**The Prelude** — Sonata in G Major: Allegro ma non tanto  
Pablo Mahave-Veglia, Baroque cello; Alexis VanZalen, harpsichord

*J.S. Bach*

**Welcome and Greeting** — *Lector I*

**Introit** — Trumpet Tune

*M.-A. Charpentier*

St. Mark's Bell Choir

**Gathering Hymn** — Blue Hymnal No. 657: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Hyfrydol*

**Invitation** (*You may stand.*)

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

*People:* **And blessed God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

*Presider:* Eternal loving God through your Son, Jesus, you filled the world with the brightness of your one true light.

*People:* **May the light of Christ illumine our paths and shine in hearts forever.**

*Presider:* May the peace, joy and love revealed to us by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus enable us to be people of justice, peace and love.

*People:* **May we share in the divine life of your son, Jesus, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.**

*Presider:* Bless us in the true gift of your son, Jesus the Christ.

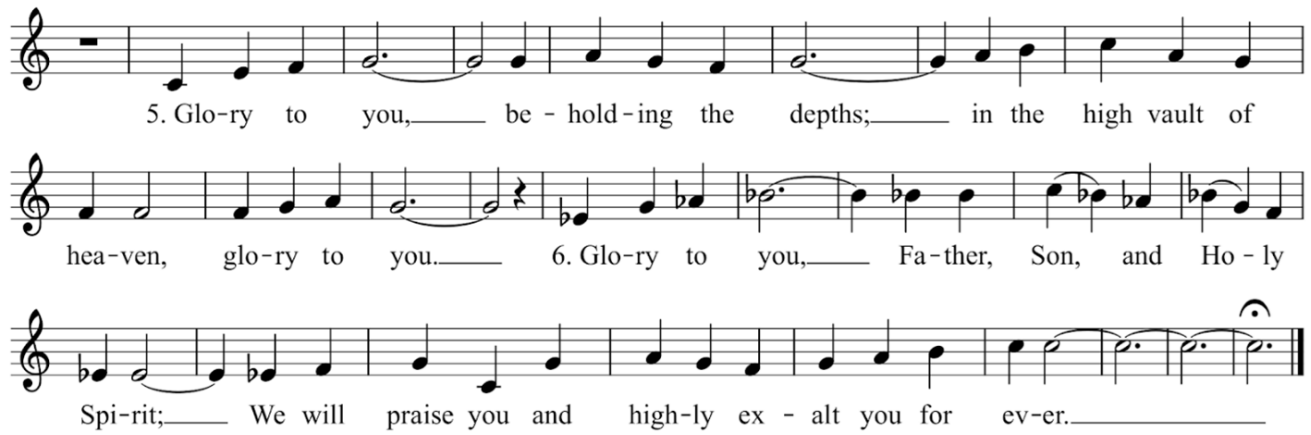
*People:* **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*People:* **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** (*Spoken at 8:00 a.m. and sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

*John 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 - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of  
 hea - ven, glo - ry to you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly  
 Spi - rit; We will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

**Collect of the Day**

*Deacon:* God be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Deacon:* Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**The First Reading**

*Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

*Lector I:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Lector I:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42**

*Noli aemulari*

*Lector I at 8:00 a.m.:* Let us pray the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Put your trust in the Lord, put your trust in the  
Lord, put your trust in the Lord and do good.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
**do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**

For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
**and like the green grass fade away.**

*Antiphon*

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
**dwelt in the land and feed on its riches.**

Take delight in the Lord, \*  
**and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

*Antiphon*

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
**and he will bring it to pass.**

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
**and your just dealing as the noonday.**

*Antiphon*

Be still before the Lord \*  
**and wait patiently for him.**

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
**the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

*Antiphon*

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
**do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.**

For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
**but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

*Antiphon*

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
**you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.**

But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
**they will delight in abundance of peace.**

*Antiphon*

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \*  
**he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

The Lord will help them and rescue them; \*  
**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.**

*Antiphon*

## The Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50*

*Lector II:* A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Lector II:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn – Red Hymnal 74, vv. 1-3: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love** (*continue after Gospel*) Chereponi

**The Gospel** (*You may stand.*)

*Luke 6: 27-38*

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

**All: Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading during the 10:30 a.m. Service, children of all ages are invited to join us for Celebrate Jesus, a story and activity time in St. Mary's Chapel. We'll return to the sanctuary during The Peace.*

**Gospel Hymn (continued)– Red Hymnal No. 74, vv. 4-5: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

*Chereponi*

**The Homily**

*The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon*

## 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 *(You may stand.)*

*Lector I:* O God, you have given us the Light of the world, Jesus. May your compassion and reconciliation resound in and through us that we may be people of integrity, reconciliation and love. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* O God, strengthen all who work for peace and justice. Help us to value the dignity of every human person. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Lector I:* O God, open our hearts to the needs of the homeless, the hungry, the battered, the abused and all those in need. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* O God, give us grace to spread your Gospel of peace. Bring an end to terrorism, violence, racism, bigotry and war. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Lector I:* O God, unite us in one family that we may shine with the one light which scatters all darkness. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* O God, we pray for Sean, Presiding Bishop; the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes' Standing Committee; Bonnie and Rayford, Bishops of Michigan and Northern Michigan; Moses, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Craig, ELCA Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod; our St. Mark's of Grand Rapids and our Interim Rector, David Blank; St. Augustine's of Benton Harbor and its Priest, Erik Broeren. We remember the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Lector I:* O God, give strength and comfort to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We especially remember those on our Parish Prayer List for whom we have promised to pray and those we name silently or aloud, especially remembering those suffering in areas of active conflict. *(Pause to include additional names.)* God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* O God, we give you thanks for all those who have gone before us in faith especially remembering those we name silently or aloud. *(Pause to include additional names.)* May they rest in peace and all who mourn them be comforted. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Lector I:* We pray for our congregation, vestry, staff and search committee during this time of transition. We pray for direction and a call for St. Mark's next rector. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

*Deacon:* O God, we ask you to hear these prayers, those we have named aloud and those which lie deep within our hearts. All these things we ask through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of Jesus. **Amen.**

### The Confession

*All:* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Absolution

*Presider:* † Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### The Peace

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

### Announcements

**Offertory Music** — Come Down, O Love Divine

*Ralph Vaughan-Williams*

**Presentation Hymn** (*Spoken at 8 a.m. and sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, o - dors of E - dom, and  
of - frings di - vine, gems of the mount - tains, and pearls of the o - cean,  
myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?

## The Liturgy of the Table

### The Invitation

BCP, Church of England, Eucharistic Prayer E

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven 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.

And so, we gladly thank you with St. Mark and all saints and angels praising you, and as we pray:



## Sanctus

Franz Schubert

Spoken at 8:00 a.m.:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Sung at 10:30 a.m.:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,  
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho san - na in the high - est.

*Presider:* We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, † send your Holy Spirit, upon these gifts that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us † the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends, and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Presider:* God of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. † Look with favor on your people. Gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St. Mark and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* Please pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

(Traditional) **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.**

(Contemporary) **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

(Spanish) **Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo, danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia, perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, no nos dejes caer en la tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread and the Reception of the Sacrament

*Franz Schubert*

*Spoken at 8:00 a.m.:*

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

*Sung at 10:30 a.m.:*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
of our sins: have mer - cy on - us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the  
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.**

**Instruction for Receiving Communion:** *All are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. Following the distribution of bread, please feel free to dip your host into the cup. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with hands crossed over your chest. Please follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left. All are welcome at the Table of the Lord.*

**Healing Prayer:** *When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.*

### The Distribution of the Sacrament

*Eucharistic Minister:* The body and blood of Christ.

**All: Amen.**

**Communion Music** — Sonata in G Major: Andante

*Bach*

**Post-communion Prayer** (*Please stand as you are able.*)

*Deacon:* Let us pray together:

**All: Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

May God, the Creator, fill us with light in abundance.

May God, the Son, illumine our paths.

May God, the Spirit, breathe new life into our lives of faith.

†And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Spirit be with us this day

And remain with us always. We pray: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn — Blue Hymnal No. 493: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Azmon*

## The Sending Forth

*Deacon:* Friends in Christ, let us go forth to love and serve God and all God's people.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Postlude — Sonata in G Major: Allegro moderato

*Bach*

*We are all invited to participate in the St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until the postlude has ended and the candles are extinguished. Then join us in the Parish Hall for further fellowship. The 10:30 a.m. Service is live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and can be found at [stmarksgr.org](http://stmarksgr.org) and on YouTube.*

*Today's prelude and postlude are given courtesy of Pablo Mahave-Veglia and Alexis VanZalen, two members of the Holland Bach Society, as part of its Sacred Sounds program. Please consider joining them for their next concert, featuring Part 1 of Bach's St. John Passion, on Sunday, March 9 at 4:00 p.m. at Second Reformed Church in Zeeland (225 E Central Ave, Zeeland, MI 49464).*

## The St. Mark's Prayer List

*Contact the church office to add names to the prayer list. Names may be removed after one month unless requested.*

### The Sick

#### and Other Needs

Alissa Almont  
Dave Atkinson  
Jayne Austin  
Bill Bellinger  
Sally Bowie  
Christopher Brewer  
Ed Cox  
Terry Dusendang  
Jon Hamm  
Ruth Hammond  
Kathryn Marmion  
Laura Maslonka  
Jackie McCarthy  
Chris McClain  
Jean McCormick  
Carmela McIntire  
Goebbert-McIntire Family  
Bill Nasser  
Ed Nicholson  
Marilyn and Ron Oom  
Michael Reale, Sr.  
Bea Rocco  
Javier Ronquillo  
Dan Scripsema  
Meghan VanderMale  
Guillermo Venecia  
Tom Woudstra

Sue Allen  
Susan Andrews  
Nita DeGraaf  
John Gracki  
Jennifer Julius  
Mary Rollins  
Irene Savara  
Roma Warmington  
Jean Zylstra

### In Military Service

B.G. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA  
PV2. Cailen Donahue McLea, USA  
Spc. Henry Dykema, ARNG  
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF  
Col. Lt. Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC  
Col. Todd Murray, USAF  
2LT. John Nicholson, USA

### Members

#### of the Vestry

Ben Busman, Sr. Warden  
Judy Freeman, Jr. Warden  
Emily Krueger, Clerk  
Gloria Lara, Treasurer  
Steve Bell  
Scot Gugle  
Laura Kozminski  
Penny Larsen  
Dan McDonald  
Carmela McIntire  
Rex Miller  
Michael Reale

### Search

#### Committee

Bob Brower  
Doug Busman  
Nancy Dodge  
Karen Hunter  
Carmela McIntire  
Shawn Miller  
Heather Tafel  
Darren Walhof  
Tom Woudstra,  
Chaplain

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Gifts or transfer of stock

### Church Spotlight: Newcomers' Tea, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.



Calling all newcomers to our community! You are warmly invited to a fun Sunday afternoon event in our Social Hall. Whether you have been coming regularly for the past year or are just exploring St. Mark's community this Sunday, we would love to have you attend. There will be tea with our beautiful silver tea service, other tasty refreshments and plenty of good conversation. Members of our church leadership will be there to help you build connections. All ages are welcome. Please RSVP to Kate in the church office or email Nancy Dodge, [dodgemimi2@gmail.com](mailto:dodgemimi2@gmail.com), to help us plan supervised activities for any kids.

### Parish Notes

**Welcome!** Guests, please sign the book in the front lobby. Fill out the new parishioner information sheet (in the lobby podium) to get name tags, receive weekly eNews or officially join the St. Mark's Family in Faith.

**Sunday School** begins at 9:15 a.m. with Make a Joyful Noise with Mr. Alex. Children of all ages in the 10:30 a.m. Service may adjourn to the Chapel from the Gospel through the Peace for a child-centered discussion.

**Donations for a Parishioner** with financial difficulties are being collected in the lock box just inside the lobby front desk area. If you are able to contribute, this long-time member would be most grateful.



**Shrove Tuesday Celebration, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.** Bring a dessert and last year's palms if you kept them. Together we'll enjoy homemade jambalaya and mac and cheese (plus vegan options), an all ages Pancake Race for the honor of the Golden Skillet, our traditional burying of the Alleluias, and burning palms into ashes which you can receive a day early or at our **Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7:00 p.m.**

**United Thank Offering:** Lent is a time for gratitude. St. Mark's is renewing our commitment to United Thank Offering (UTO), a ministry of The Episcopal Church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice each good thing that happens during the day, give thanks to God each time and make an offering for that blessing into a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings and distribute 100% of the collection to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. It is our hope that our giving back will allow us to apply for UTO grants in the future for the benefit of our ministries in the local community. Come learn more about UTO during a short presentation at the Shrove Tuesday dinner.

**Feeding America Food Truck Rescheduled** to Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> due to winter weather.

**Adult Formation, Wednesdays of Lent:** RSVP by March 3<sup>rd</sup> for childcare. Join us for soup supper at 6:00 p.m. on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m., led by Rev. Dr. Steven Manskar and Steve Bell. We will explore *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer* by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. We will close with Compline by 8:00 p.m.

**Mosaic Scholars Coming to St. Mark's, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Service:** The Grand Rapids Symphony's Mosaic Scholars are talented young African-American and Latino students who partner with symphony musicians. They receive free instrument use, weekly private lessons, performance opportunities and admission to symphony performances and rehearsals. The Dismantling Racism Ministry (DRM) along with Dr. Gregory Crowell wish to develop a new relationship with the Mosaic Scholars program as part of Becoming Beloved Community, the Episcopal Church's program of racial reconciliation. Read more in the eNews.