

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

10:00 a.m. Sunday, February 19, 2023

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prelude

"Prelude in C Major"

J.S. Bach BWV 547

(The people stand)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING HYMN

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

1982 Hymnal, 618

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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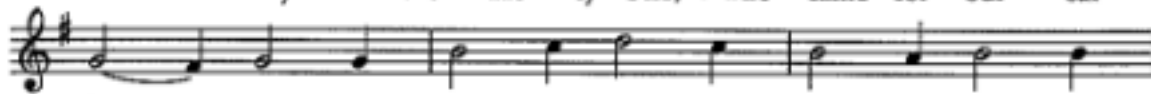
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Praise to God

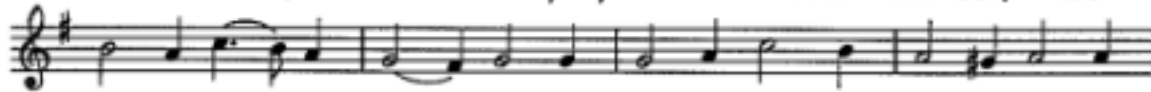
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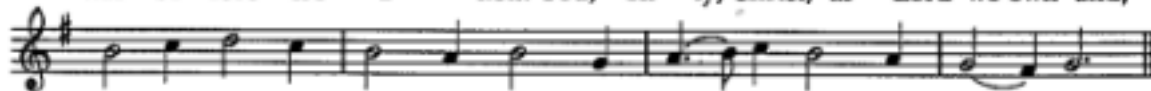
1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you. *Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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 People are seated)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2

Quare fremuerunt gentes?

Response: Happy are all who take refuge in God.

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¹Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?
against God and those God has
anointed, saying,

^{2a}Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us."

⁴The one who sits in the heavens
laughs;
God has them in derision. ℟

⁵Then God will speak to them in
wrath,
and terrify them in fury, saying,

^{6a}I have set my ruler on Zion,
my holy hill."

⁷I will tell of the decree of God:
God said to me, "You are my child;
today I have begotten you.

^{8a}Ask of me, and I will make the
nations your heritage,

²The rulers of the earth set themselves,
and the leaders take counsel together,
and the ends of the earth your
possession. ℟

^{3a}You shall break them with a rod of
iron,
and dash them in pieces like a
potter's vessel."

¹⁰Now therefore, O rulers, be wise;
be warned, O leaders of the earth

¹¹Serve God with fear, with trembling

¹²kiss God's feet,
or God will be angry, and you will
perish in the way;

for God's wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all who take refuge in
God. ℟

(May be sung with double tone.)

THE EPISTLE: A reading from the second letter of Peter.

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: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

(The people stand)

GRADUAL HYMN

“*Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*”

1982 Hymnal, 178

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Gospellor The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospellor The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

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

SERMON *(The People are seated)*

Father Bjornberg

THE NICENE CREED *(The People stand)*

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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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All: That we all may be one.

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

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

Leader: We pray for our bishops Jeffrey and Laura, priests, and deacons;

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

Leader: 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.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

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

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant:

God of all nations, look with love on this world and on its people. Bless the work of your creation, and help us to be strong in following Jesus, our brother and our Lord, now and forever. **AMEN.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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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 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.

Priest: Almighty God....

THE PEACE

Please stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People:** And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a Blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about Baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

OFFERTORY HYMN

"O gladsome Light"

1982 Hymnal, 36

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. **People** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For Therefore we praise you

Sanctus

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.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in

these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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, O Father,

**All: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

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.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM (*All singing*)

1982 Hymnal S-154

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

ANTHEM AT HOLY COMMUNION "*Musikalische Exequien, Opus 7*" (*excerpt*)

Schütz

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*The people stand*)

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

***All:* Almighty and everliving 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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Celebrant*)

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: ... and the blessing . . . **AMEN.**

MISSION HYMN

"Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

1982 Hymnal, 460

DISMISSAL Alleluia, alleluia, Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

"Come, Let Us All With Fervour"

J.S. Bach BWV 613

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **The Finance Committee will be reconvened!**
Karla Fox has agreed to serve as the Chair.
Please contact the office or Karla if you are interested in serving on the Finance Committee. This committee will assist in overseeing the financial reporting and decisions of St. Mark's. If you have experience or interest in finance, budgeting, or accounting this is the perfect way to serve your church!
Thank you!
- This is the last Sunday that we will have flowers. If anyone would like to take a plant, please feel free. (Please leave the plastic saucer so we don't have to buy more. Thank you)
- The Diaper Bank is looking for donations of diaper sizes 4, 5 and 6. Thank you
- Please join us for the Ash Wednesday service, February 22 at 7:00 pm with Bruce Steinway.
- We are not hosting our pancake supper this year, but in honor of Shrove Tuesday, consider donating pancake mix and syrup to your local food bank.

Many thanks to our Sunday Ministers:

February 19, 2023

Rite I, 8 am
Eucharist with Phil Bjornberg
Altar Guild: S. DeWolf
Usher: J. DeWolf
Eucharistic Minister: S. DeWolf
Reader: S. DeWolf
Prayers of the People: D. Sykes
Videographer: J. Morrow

Rite II, 10 am
Eucharist with Phil Bjornberg
Altar Guild - John Doiron
Usher - Art Engler
Eucharistic Minister - Laurie Gypson
Reader & Intercessor – Bruce Steinway
Videographer - Madison Day
Coffee Hour - Madison Day

February 26, 2023

Rite I, 8 am
Eucharist with Ben Brockman
Altar Guild: B. Rossiter
Usher: S. Gagnon
Eucharistic Minister: B. Rossiter
Reader: B. Rossiter
Prayers of the People: M. Zimmer
Videographer: D. Sykes

Rite II, 10 am
Eucharist with Ben Brockman
Altar Guild - John Doiron
Usher – Harry and Sudie Evageliou
Eucharistic Minister - Laurie Gypson
Reader & Intercessor - Bruce Steinway
Videographer - Madison Day
Coffee Hour - Madison Day

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