

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 1, 2023

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

"In Dulci Jubilo"

BWV 608, J.S. Bach

(The people stand)

OPENING HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

1982 Hymnal, 78

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

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

The Collect for Purity

BCP, page 355

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.

Song of Praise

Glory be to God on high

St. James Christmas Service

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a 4/4 time signature. A '3' above the first measure indicates a triplet. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to God on high, To all peo - ple, Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare Lamb of God and Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One, Prai - ses sing in peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds draw - ing night, Join to ce - le - Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy, hear our prayer, Give us grace from high - est heav'n; To the Fa - ther and the Son and the Ho - ly brate His birth. heav'en a - bove. Spi - rit giv'n. - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! in ex - cel - sis De - - o!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

E*ternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

(The people are seated)

THE LESSON: A reading from the Book of Numbers

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them. *Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

Domine, Dominus noster

Response: How majestic is your name in all the earth.

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¹O God, our Sovereign, how majestic
is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the
heavens.

²Out of the mouths of babes and
infants you have founded a bulwark
because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the
avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the
work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you
have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are
mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them? ℟

⁵Yet you have made them a little
lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and
honor.

⁶You have given them dominion over
the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their
feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts
of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of
the sea, whatever passes along the
paths of the seas.

⁹O God, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all
the earth! ℟

(May be sung with double tone.)

THE EPISTLE: A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

(The people stand)

Gradual Hymn

"In the bleak midwinter"

1982 Hymnal, 112

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-21

Gospellor The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Gospellor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(The People are seated)

SERMON

Father Sturni

(The people stand)

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Subdeacon: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Word become flesh, commanded us to pray for one another. Let us therefore pray for God's people everywhere, according to their own specific needs, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Eternal God, bless your holy church, that it may boldly proclaim the good tidings of salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless your servants in this congregation, that nourished by your word and holy sacraments we may minister in faithfulness to you and in love to one another. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of the world, that they may put aside their own ambitions and strive for peace and justice among the nations. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Be with those who travel during this holiday season, that their reunions and celebrations may be occasions for joy and that they return safely to their homes and loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, grant health and wholeness to the sick, especially those on our prayer list, and give patience and understanding to those who minister to them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As you comforted your people by sending your most precious Son, the Word of life, comfort those whose lives have been shattered by the loss of a loved one, that their sorrow may be turned to joy. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving we remember before you, O Lord, those saints who bore witness to the light. Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Celebrant: All these things we ask in the name of him who came as the light in the darkness of our world, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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....

Please stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant : The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please be seated)

Offertory Hymn

"What child is this"

Hymnal 1982, 115

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. Because Therefore we praise you

Sanctus

1982 Hymnal, S-124

**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 come is the name of the Lord.

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. Joseph, 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**

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...

All are invited to come forward for Holy Communion. If you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, you may come forward to the rail and cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you choose to receive a blessing instead. Gluten free wafers are available.

AT THE OFFERTORY:

PIE JESU

Ava Johnson, *soloist*

Gabriel Faure

Pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu

Qui tollis peccata mundi

Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem

Pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu

Qui tollis peccata mundi

Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem

Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei

Qui tollis peccata mundi

Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem

Sempiternam

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Requiem

Merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus

Father, who takes away the sins of the world

Grant them rest, grant them rest

Merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus

Father, who takes away the sins of the world

Grant them rest, grant them rest

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God

Father, who takes away the sins of the world

Grant them rest, grant them rest

everlasting everlasting Rest

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

"Hark! the herald angels sing"

1982 Hymnal, 87

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

"Come Christian Folk"

BWV 612, J.S. Bach

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS

Rite I, 8 am

Altar Guild: B. Rossiter

Usher: T. Bitwinski

Eucharistic Minister: B. Rossiter

Reader: B. Rossiter

Prayers of the People: T. Bitwinski

Videographer: D. Sykes

Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild - John Doiron

Usher - Art Engler

Eucharistic minister - Laurie Gypson

Lector - Bruce Steinway

Intercessor - Bruce Steinway

Video - John Doiron

Coffee Hour

If you are interested in learning more about our Sunday ministers, please contact the office at admin@stmarkschapel.org or (860) 429-2647.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8: EPIPHANY SUNDAY WITH PROCESSION OF THE THREE KINGS

Choral Scholar Soloist:

Ava Johnson



Choir:

Joan Doiron
Bruce Steinway
Renie Steinway