

**Communion Anthem** – Brightest and best

Richard Shephard

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining; low lies His head with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion odors of Edom and offerings divine, gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine? Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would His favor secure. Richer by far is the heart's adoration; dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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**Communion Hymns** sung by all

The sinless one to Jordan came (*Solemnis haec festivitas*)  
From God Christ's deity came forth (*Salem Harbor*)

Hymnal 120  
Hymnal 443

Please stand

**Prayer for Mission** said by all

BCP 365

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.

**Blessing****Hymn in Procession** sung by all

O love how deep, how broad, how high (*Deus tuorum militum*) Hymnal 448

**Dismissal**

BCP 366

**Postlude** – Ballade

Katherine Jaggi

**BAPTIZED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Charles Thomas Crosby – Parents: Shannon and Walton Crosby  
Scottie May Martens – Parents: Morgan and Bart Martens  
Frances Estelle Nichols – Parents: Catherine and Graham Nichols  
Charles Wynn Oxnard – Parents: Whitney and Ben Oxnard

**Music Notes**

Violinist – Corina Weinmair

Today is the first Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. Today's Gospel reading is about Christ's own baptism, and we will baptize one of our own church members at the 11 a.m. service. In the music today, baptism, repentance, and renewal are themes along with the continued season after the Epiphany. In most of the hymns, we sing specifically about Christ's baptism or it is at least referenced, while the baptism hymn highlights themes of baptism in general. The two anthems are Epiphany classics: "Arise shine" quoting the ultimate Epiphany canticle from Isaiah and "Brightest and best" using the well-known Reginald Heber poem.

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**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.

Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**The Baptism of our Lord**

Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist - Rite II

January 11, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.

Carl Bohm

**Prelude – Meditation****The Word of God**

Please stand

**Hymn in Procession** sung by all  
Songs of thankfulness and praise (*Salzburg*)

Hymnal 135

BCP 299

**Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.  
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;  
People There is one hope in God's call to us;  
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
People One God and Father of all.

**Collect of the Day**

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vision**

St. Mark's is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God's world. (Ps 46:4-5)

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church Mission**

To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God's Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.

Please be seated

**First Lesson** – Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** – 29 *simplified Anglican chant sung by all*

1 Ascribe to the LORD you / gods,\*  
    ascribe to the LORD glory and / strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his / Name;\*  
    worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory / thunders;\*  
    the LORD is upon the mighty / waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful / voice;\*  
    the voice of the LORD is a voice of / splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees;\*  
    the LORD breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf,\*  
    and Mount Hermon like a young wild / ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
    the voice of the LORD shakes the / wilderness;\*  
    the LORD shakes the wilderness of / Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees / writhe\*  
    and strips the forests / bare.

9 And in the temple of the / LORD \*  
    all are crying / “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the / flood;\*  
    the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever/more.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his / people;\*  
    the LORD shall give his people the blessing of / peace.

**Second Lesson** – Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on

a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Sequence Hymn** *sung by all*

Christ, when for us you were baptized (*Caithness*)

Hymnal 121

**Holy Gospel** – Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel as the congregation sings “Jesus loves me”.*

**Sermon** – The Rev. Charlie Holt

*Please stand*

**Baptism Hymn** *sung by all*

Descend, O Spirit, purging flame (*Erhalt uns Herr*)

Hymnal 297

**Holy Baptism**

BCP 301

**Baptismal Covenant**

BCP 304

**Prayers for the Candidates**

BCP 305

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

BCP 306

**The Baptisms**

BCP 307

**Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem** – Arise, shine, for thy light is come

George Elvey

*Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

*Words Isaiah 60:1-3; words and music © Public Domain*

*Please stand*

**Offertory Hymn** – The Doxology *sung by all*

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Great Thanksgiving** – Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

*The Celebrant continues...*

**Sanctus** *sung by all*

*musical setting: Hymnal S 125*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are 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.

*After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

**Lord’s Prayer** *said by all*

BCP 364

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** *sung by all*

*musical setting: Hymnal S 154*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Please be seated*

**Communion of the People**

*At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.*