

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) Hymnal 120

From God Christ's deity came forth (Salem Harbor) 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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VISITOR INFORMATION

Children's Chapel

A Children's Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

GIVING INFORMATION

Offerings can be put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →



PLEDGE

To make a 2026 pledge scan QR code →



Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

**Lectors** Frank Brooke, Elaine Kearns, Christine Burkett

**Acolytes** Maggie Kidd, Maddox Racine, Luke Dearing, Mamie Burkett

**Chalice Bearers** Alex Cain, Gary Willetts, **Verger** Lee Haramis, Jr. Christine Burkett, Jordan Eyrick

**Ushers** Gary Willetts, Mike Davenport, Scott Hobby, Phil Price

**Altar Guild** Drew Haramis, Anne Gorman, Celeste Heller, Barbara Irving, Adrienne Kent, Bunny Manning, Stephanie Milne, Haydee Smith, Katherine Smithwick, Carol Worsham

**Flower Guild** Carolyn Key, Gay Nightingale

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Jessia Eassa Akel and Corey Wayne Littlefield.

\*Please contact the church office to donate and dedicate altar flowers.



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.



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.

Prelude – Meditation Carl Bohm

The Word of God

Please stand

Hymn in Procession sung by all

Songs of thankfulness and praise (Salzburg) Hymnal 135

Opening Acclamation BCP 299

*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.**

*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* *chant:* J. W. Meachen

- 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.*

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*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 BCP 367

*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.*