

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 24, 2021      Year B**

**Prelude**

"Allegro moderato maestoso"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**Opening Hymn 408 "Sing praise to God who reigns above"**

*Mit Freuden zart*



1 Sing      praise to God who reigns a - bove, the      God of all cre -  
 2 What      God's al-might - y power hath made, his      gra - cious mer - cy  
 3 Let      all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give      God all praise and



a - tion, the      God of power, the      God of love, the      God of  
 keep-eth; by      morn - ing glow or      eve - ning shade his      watch - ful  
 glo - ry; let      all who know his      power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my      soul he fills, and  
 eye ne'er      sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom      of his might, lo!  
 won - drous      sto - ry! Cast      each false i - dol      from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less      mur - mur stills: to      God all praise and      glo - ry.  
 All is just and      all is right: to      God all praise and      glo - ry.  
 Lord is God, and      he a - lone: to      God all praise and      glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**The Collect for Purity**

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.**

## **Jubilate Psalm 100**

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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

## **Psalm 62:6-14      *Nomme Deo?***

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.  
7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.  
8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.  
10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.  
12 Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
 that power belongs to God.  
 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
 for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

**The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn 661 "They cast their nets in Galilee"**

*Georgetown*

1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just  
 2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -  
 3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -  
 4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but

off the hills of brown; such hap - py,  
 fore they ev - er knew the peace of  
 less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who  
 strife closed in the sod. Yet let us

sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.  
 God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.  
 hauled the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.  
 pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

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*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

**The Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw

James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord

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

## **The Homily**

**The Rev. Jerre Birdsong**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All:* ***We believe in God the Creator, infinite in wisdom, mercy and love, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of God's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the divine presence in our lives, who sustains and strengthens us, especially in our time of need. We believe in one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, and that our faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Savior, that the realm of God may come upon the earth. Amen.***

### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader* Sisters and brothers, Jesus was crucified in faithfulness to cause of love and justice that all might be reconciled in peace. Let us pray that, through the Cross of Christ, his example may be realized in our world and our lives, praying, God in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer***

As Jesus was lifted high upon the cross of self-sacrifice that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we take up our cross and follow him in pursuit of the work of reconciliation in the world. God in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Jesus calls us to offer food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted. May God's Spirit so move our hearts, that, following in the steps of Jesus, we may give of ourselves in the service of others until poverty and hunger cease in all the world. Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of mercy among those to whom much has been given.

God in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

O God, in whom there is neither male nor female, Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free: unite the wills of all peoples that the walls which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; so that all may live together in justice and peace. Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar creation, particularly the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world because of gender, sexual orientation, race, class, or creed; that all may have equality in pursuit of the blessings of creation. God in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of the suffering: Grant your saving health to all who are afflicted by disease. Bless the labors of all who minister to the sick and unite the wills of all peoples to seek an end to the pandemics of our age; that sickness may be turned to health and sorrow to joy. Let us pray for an end to pandemic disease; that the plague of death may no longer fuel poverty,

destabilize nations, and inhibit reconciliation and restoration throughout the world. God in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care. Inspire us with wisdom to share the riches of creation that all may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression. Let us pray for an end to the desecration of God's creation that creation's fruits might be shared equally with all. God in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

We give thanks on her birthday with Kittie Golomski, and on their anniversary with Jeanette and Otto Schoenberg.

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause]; We pray for all who struggle with addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery; We pray for those serving in the armed forces. God in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus, you revealed that death is never your last word. We commend to your mercy all who have died as a result of the brokenness of our world, and we pray that all may share in the joy of your heavenly reign. Let us pray for the departed, especially Glenn Watts, Gary Nelling, as well as all those who have died as a result of poverty, hunger, disease, violence, or hardness of the human heart. God in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

*The Presider offers this concluding collect*

Eternal God, in your kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love. So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together and reconciled under the banner of your love and justice. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Presider and People*

***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.***

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*Presider* In unity with people around the world, let us pray.

*People* ***Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.***

### **The Peace**

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

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

*We greet each other in the name of the risen Christ.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Presider* Let us offer our thanks and praise to Almighty God. Let us pray.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

*Presider* Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

*People* ***We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.***

*Presider* We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

*People* ***We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.***

*Presider* Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

*People* ***Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.***

### **The Blessing**

*Presider* May the God who Creates, Liberates, and Sustains, bless you and keep you, this day and always.

*People* ***Amen.***

**Closing Hymn 530 "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"**

*{See page 7}*

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Our Worship has ended, now our service begins.

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

#### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP**

*Lectors: Matt Cashen, Amanda Cashen*

*Responses: Jeff Smith*

## Closing Hymn 530 "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

Gott sei Dank



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,



1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergel (1793-1870)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In the Markings this week:

- ECW Connections Zoom Meeting
- Each Other's Keeper: The Church's Response to Violence
- Donation to St. Patrick Center downtown
- Next Alpine Travel Club Zoom Meeting

### 2021 ST.MARK'S DIRECTORY

The new directory will be available after the Annual Meeting so all new vestry and delegate information can be included. As there won't be an "in-person" chance to review the current directory at the Zoom Annual Meeting please provide the Parish Office any changes to address, telephone or email that you have had since January 2020.

### Annual Meeting February 7, 2021

The 2020 Annual Meeting and Vestry Election will take place on Zoom on Sunday, February 7, 2021, immediately following the 10:00 AM Zoom Church Service.

Typically, the meeting takes place on a Sunday in January, usually the fourth Sunday, however, our Bylaws do allow for the meeting to happen later, if needed (see below). It is needed this time due to the transition this year of our financial accounting to an outside firm while we ensure that everything is recorded where it needs to be, and that the Treasurer has the time needed to pull all of the year end reports together.

In response to doing the Annual Meeting virtually, we will streamline the process and the 2020 Annual Report will be sent out electronically on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, so members can review it prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Rector at [mark@saintmarks-stl.org](mailto:mark@saintmarks-stl.org).

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of members of this Church shall be held on a Sunday in January of each year, *or as soon thereafter as practicable after due notice has been given*; to elect successors to such members of the Vestry whose terms of office have expired and Lay Delegates to Diocesan Convention, and to transact such other business as shall be brought before them. [*Emphasis added.*]

**We pray for** Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, and for all the holy People of God;

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for the people and ministry of Church of Advent, Crestwood;

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for The Church of Bangladesh;

**In our local Ecumenical cycle of Prayer,** we pray for our sisters and brothers at Ascension Lutheran Church;

**We pray for** our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters.

**We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind,** especially Vickie B., Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Holly Blicher, Marianne & Steve Chamberlin, Alan Doyle, Mary Feldmeier, Nicole Fiehler, Bill Henkel and family, Peggy Holmes, Ellen, Graham LaBeaume and family, Tim Kelly, Barbra Macke and Beth, Jenny Mullikin, Neicee Nelson, Gary & Kathy Makely, Robin Mendica, Cathy Menendez, Helen Nelling, Nina Olmsted, Cynthia and her mother Helen Pierson, Maureen Polasek, Nancy Raedeke, Susan Raedeke, Chris Reeves, Linda Ritterskamp, Susan Rowe and family, Pam Sellers, David Shelton, Henry Shelton, Brad Shelton, Mitch Shelton and family, Ann Vannier, Lindsay Watts, Margie Weaver, Marilyn & David Wiethop, Cheryl Wyatt, Robbie, Nicole, Dean and family, Judy, Yaz, Hector, Leticia, Hector Jr, Tanis, Justine, Terry, Jessica, Pat, Kim, Conner, Dorothy, Judie, Aidan, Penny, Sheeran, Linnea and her family, Carmen, Leslie, Mark, Tom, Logan, Ethan, Kathleen, Blake, Elizabeth, Eric, Sharon, Christine, Lauren, Martha, Gabe, Marsha, Keith and Jen.

**We pray for** those who have died, especially Glenn Watts and Gary Nelling.

**We pray for** those serving in the armed forces, especially Jon Foy, Alec Garbs, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Chris Weinrich, and Matthew.

**We give thanks** on her birthday with Kittie Golomski, and on their anniversary with Jeanette and Otto Schoenberg.

## **SAINT MARK'S CHURCH**

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