

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany



January 19, 2025

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

# **Welcome to St. Mark's and St. John's!**

Name tags are available. We'd love to make one for you if you do not have one already.

Help yourself to coffee in the "cafe," and feel free to bring it to your pew. We're casual.

We invite children to make themselves at home at our children's table, where there are weekly activity bulletins and crayons.

Our live YouTube broadcast begins at 9:15 am.

Our YouTube channel link is available on our website, [stmarksandstjohns.org](http://stmarksandstjohns.org).

We appreciate your financial generosity to support our mission and ministry. Though we do not pass the offering plate during service, you can find it at the entrance of the church or contribute online at [stmarksandstjohns.org/give](http://stmarksandstjohns.org/give).

*Prelude*

OPENING MUSIC

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

1982 Hymnal, 7



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

*The Annual Meeting is called to order*

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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

*A reading from the Book of Isaiah, the sixty-second chapter...*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying

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

PSALM 36:5-10

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

**Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*A reading from the Book of First Corinthians, the twelfth chapter...*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.


Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying

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

## EPIPHANY HYMN

## "Arise, Your Light Has Come"



1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.

## GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the

bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON

Pastor Cindy

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us,**

**Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us, companion and friend,**

**Redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and  
guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection created world**

**where all creation should be respected and reverently cared for.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,**

**God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one,  
and the one in three.**



SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION *Please be seated*

*You're invited to light a candle at our prayer table and write your prayer intentions on one of the Prayer Boards during the music.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all creation.

God of radiant light, make your presence known throughout your church in all its different forms. Guide preachers and teachers to proclaim the work you do in this and every place.

*Silence*

God of mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of radiant light, you created the universe and all it contains. The earth brings sustenance and inspiration. Open our minds and hearts to ways that we are being called to restore the soil, spirit, and confidence of our community through our E.D.E.N ministries.

*Silence*

God of mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of radiant light, you call us as your children and comfort us in our afflictions. Bring patience to the distressed, compassion to the grieving, and relief to the suffering. We pray especially today for...

*Silence*

God of mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

God of mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Rejoicing in your glory revealed to the world, we offer these and all our prayers to you, O God of our salvation, through Christ our light. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer a sign of God's peace to one another.

*After the Passing of the Peace*

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.


## OFFERTORY


### "Bearing Your Gifts"


*Eucharistic Ministers bring the Communion elements and Offering to the altar.*

3 Bear-ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us  
share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend-ing all rifts,

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "3 Bear-ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend-ing all rifts,". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.


  
 heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.


  
 Come, let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance,


  
 prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

## HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right to glorify you  
 and to give you thanks, our holy and living God;  
 you dwell in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness,  
 you made all things and fill them with your blessing;  
 you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Now we praise you with the faithful of every time and place,  
 and give voice to every creature, as we sing this eternal hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might become stewards of all creation.

Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets, you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only begotten one to be our Savior. Incarnated by the Holy Spirit, born of your servant Mary, Jesus lived as one of us. To the poor Christ proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

The night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

**Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.**

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you;  
do this as often as you drink it to remember me.**

From the gifts, you have given us we offer you this bread and this cup, and proclaim the mystery of our faith,

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling Christ's life, death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

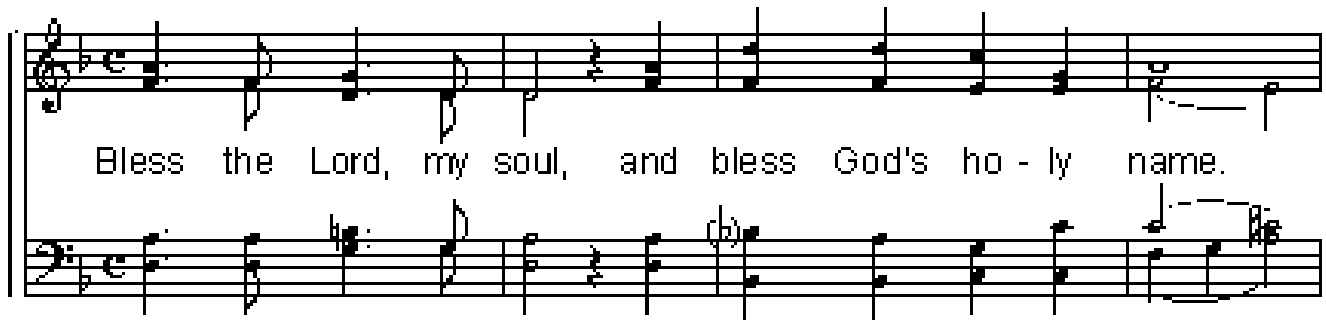
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.**

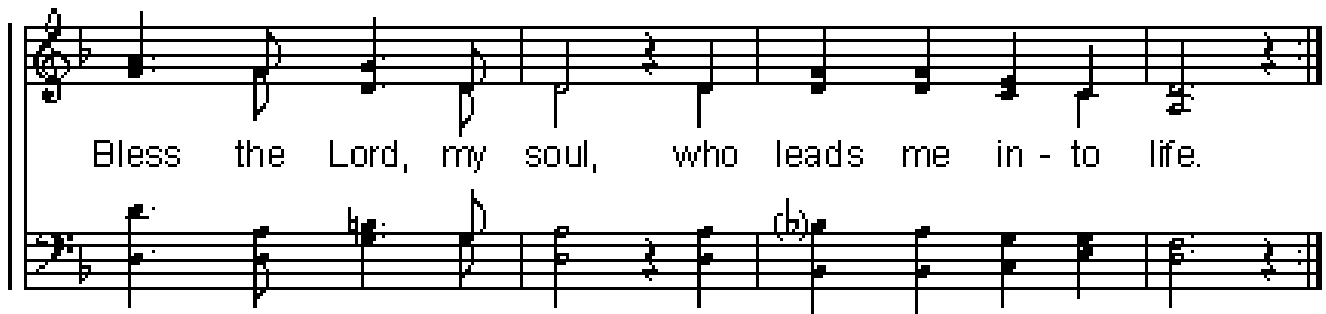
## FRACTURE ANTHEM

“Bless the Lord My Soul” (2x)

*Music by Jacques Berthier, Lyrics from Psalm 103*



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

*ALL are welcome to receive communion.*

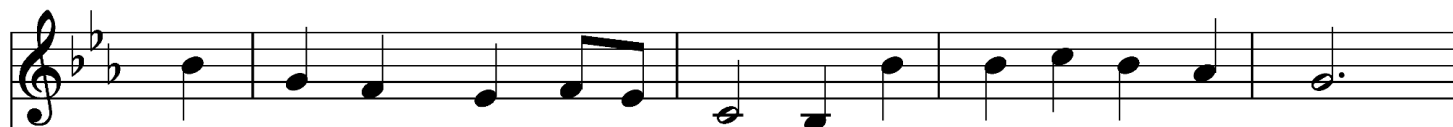
*Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms in front of you.*

The feast of life has been prepared for you -  
partake and be filled with the goodness of God.


## COMMUNION MUSIC

## "We are all one in Mission"


WLP, 778




1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;  
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:  
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**



“THE BLESSING” (Aotearoa) adapted for SMSJ liturgy - original music and words by  
Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
Make Her face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn Her face toward you and give you peace.  
Amen, amen, amen; Amen, amen, amen (2x)

May Her favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
And your family and your children and their children,  
and their children.

Amen, amen, amen; Amen, amen, amen (2x)

### FINAL BLESSING

May the God of all peace bless you and keep you.  
And the wisdom, love and grace of God strengthen you to be  
God’s hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God  
Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you today and  
remain with you always. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go forth in the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### Annual Meeting is called to order

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and  
understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the  
renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek  
first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right,  
and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to  
accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## Lectors - January-March (Readers)

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Lesson &amp; Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson &amp; Usher</b>	<b>Prayers of the People &amp; Greeter</b>
1/19	Deb S.	Joe C.	Michele H.
1/26	Tom F.	Theresa H.	Bonnie H.
2/2	Sharon K.	Mike F.	Mary E.
2/9	Michele H.	Deb S.	Heather G.
2/16	Terri C.	Mary E.	Joe C.
2/23	Nancy W.	Bonnie H.	Theresa H.
3/2	Dave E.	Sharon K.	Mike F.
3/9	Mary E.	Dave E.	Bob C.
3/16	Heather G.	Terri C.	Deb S.
3/23	Joe C.	Michele H.	Tom F.
3/30	Theresa H.	Steve F.	Sharon K.

## Eucharistic Ministers - January-March

<b>Date</b>	<b>Common Cup</b>	<b>Single Cup Tray</b>	<b>Collect Cups</b>
1/19	Theresa H.	Bonnie H.	Michele H.
1/26	Joe C.	Deb S.	Terri C.
2/2	Heather G.	Bob C.	Dave E.
2/9	Dave E.	Nancy W.	Steve F.
2/16	Sharon K.	Theresa H.	Tom F.
2/23	Michele H.	Joe C.	Deb S.
3/2	Terri C.	Heather G.	Bob C.
3/9	Mike F.	Sharon K.	Theresa H.
3/16	Nancy W.	Michele H.	Joe C.
3/23	Deb S.	Terri C.	Heather G.
3/30	Bob C.	Dave E.	Mary E.

## Announcements

Our **Annual Meeting** will take place **today** following Worship. Please join us for this important time of reflecting on 2024 and looking forward to 2025. There will be an opportunity for Q&A with SMSJ Staff and Wardens. The Annual Report will be presented and the congregation will vote for representatives to Vestry and the Diocese.

Warden	-	Nancy Ramsay
Vestry	-	Dave Everson
Vestry	-	Michele Holmes
Diocesan Rep	-	Bonnie Hallman-Dye

We give thanks to Walt Snyder (Warden) and Ginnie Schindler (Vestry) for their years of service. A special thank you to Ginnie for her service on the Missions and Operations Director Search Committee.

**Continuing next week** - join us following Worship **each week** for our "Connections Book Club," **Brené Brown's *The Gifts of Imperfection***. Next Sunday will be our next meeting. We will discuss "Guide Posts 1 & 2."

There are a number of Food Shelf volunteer slots available for sign up! Can you lend a hand on Wednesday mornings? Sign up online at [stmarksandstjohns.org/volunteer](http://stmarksandstjohns.org/volunteer). Our next Foodlink delivery will be Tuesday, February 11.

**Shrove Tuesday** is March 4th with **Lent** beginning on March 5th with Ash Wednesday. If there is a particular way you would like to honor Lent in 2025 please let us know. We could have a book study, class on a particular topic, video series, daily prayer commitment, etc... Let us know your ideas.

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Are we missing your information? Let us know so we can add it and celebrate!*

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b>
Julie C. - January 29	Chris & Susie L. - January 6

## SMSJ Weekly Calendar

January 20-26

Monday, 1/20	2:30-5:30 pm - Seed Sowers & Storytellers
Tuesday, 1/21	2:30-5:30 pm - Seed Sowers & Storytellers
Wednesday, 1/22	10:30 am-Noon - Food Shelf 2:30-5:30 pm - Seed Sowers & Storytellers
Thursday, 1/23	2:30-5:30 pm - Seed Sowers & Storytellers
Friday, 1/24	
Saturday, 1/25	
Sunday, 1/26	9:15 am - Worship with Eucharist

**Order of Business - 2024 Annual Meeting**  
*Being streamed live on YouTube beginning at 10:30 am*  
January 19, 2025  
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Call to Order

Appoint Clerk

Voting eligibility

Slate presented

Vote by acclamation

Leadership Reports - where we've been in 2024

"What are the core values that guide our ministry and relationships?"

"What are our hopes and dreams for the future of our congregation?"

"How can we best communicate our mission to the wider community?"

Consensus on worship time (9:30 AM)

Question and Answer - text questions to **585-348-7206**

Elected Officers Sign "Affidavits"

Blessing & Adjournment

# Voting Ballot

Annual Meeting - January 19, 2025

Election for 2025 Co-Warden, Vestry & Diocesan Delegates

**Tear out of your bulletin and place ballot in designated box by 10:45 AM**

## Co-Warden (Check ONLY 1)

Nancy Ramsay

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

## Vestry Members (Check ONLY 2)

Dave Everson

Michele Holmes

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

## Delegate to Diocesan Convention (Check ONLY 1)

Bonnie Hallman-Dye

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

## Appointments

Bob Caruso as Vestry Clerk

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

*Your ballot must have your name to be included in the count*



# St. Mark's & St. John's Leadership

## **Rector**

The Rev'd Cindy Rasmussen, Ph.D.  
crasmussen@stmarksandstjohns.org

## **Operations and Missions Director**

Maria Hartz-Clineburg, M.Div.  
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## **Deacon**

The Rev'd Patti Blaine, M.A., BCC  
pblaine@stmarksandstjohns.org

## **AV Producer**

Rob Thornton

## **Musicians**

Linda Neelly  
Amelia Yousey

## **Deacon Emeritus**

The Rev'd Mike Finn

## **St. Mark's & St. John's Vestry**

### **Co-Wardens**

Sharon Kowalski ('26)  
Walt Snyder ('25)

### **Treasurer**

Michele Holmes

### **Members**

Bob Caruso (Clerk)  
Heather Gilfoy ('27)  
Ella Gruel ('26)  
Theresa Harte ('26)  
Nancy Ramsay ('25)  
Ginnie Schindler ('25)  
Nancy Willer ('27)

### **Diocesan Delegates**

Ella Gruel ('26)  
Nancy Ramsay ('26)  
Deb Snyder ('25)

## **Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition Representative**

Terri Censak