

## THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

*Organist: Su Lee*

WELCOME

*Please remain seated.*

*The Rev. John Seib*

OPENING HYMN

*When Christ's appearing was made known*  
*Hymnal 132*

OPENING ACCLAMATION & PRAYER

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Let us pray: **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**

GLORIA

*Hymnal S-280*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect)

*Please be seated.*

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**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes.

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

*All*                **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-12            *10 am service: Sung (Anglican Chant)*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire  
and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing  
sure.

- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false  
gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done,  
O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not  
required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great  
congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your  
deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness  
from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe  
for ever.

*All who are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sing refrain twice)

**ALLELUIA**

Refrain Celtic Alleluia  
Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*All*                **And also with you.**

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

*All*                ***Glory to you, Lord Christ!***

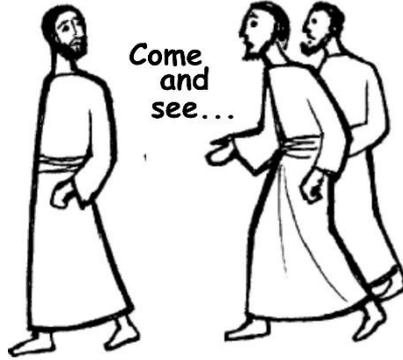
THE GOSPEL

*John 1:29-42*

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one

who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.



One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*At the conclusion of the reading...*

*Priest*            The Gospel of Christ,  
*All*                 **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**  
*Sing refrain*    **Alleluia...**

SERMON

*The Rev. John Seib*

MUSICAL MEDITATION (Choir Anthem)      *Will you come  
and follow me?*

THE APOSTLES' CREED      *All able to do so, please stand*

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the creed that unites us as followers of Jesus:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

CALL TO PRAYER      *Please be seated for prayer.*

*The following refrain is sung three times:*

Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, cast your eyes of mercy on your people who entrust their prayers to you, responding, "Hear us, God of Glory."

For the light of Christ that never fades away, that it may shine through our words and actions, revealing the saving grace of the Anointed One; let us pray. Hear us, God of Glory.

That the leaders and peoples of every nation may be willing to pay the price of peace through compromise, compassion, humility, and forbearance; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

For an increase in vocations to the Religious Communities of our Church, that we may continue to be guided by their life of prayer and sacrificial works; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

For relief for those who live with debilitating anxiety, and those who bear the scars of poverty and emotional desolation, that they may experience the fruits of your eternal and holy presence; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

In thanksgiving for our sacred fellowship with Christ, may we move from strength to strength in our spiritual life so that its fruits may flow into our workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

For the baptized who have entered into their eternal rest, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, that our Eternal Judge will look kindly on their souls; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

That the true light that enlightens even the far reaches of the universe and the deep recesses of the sea, will open our eyes to beauty of creation and encourage us to be good stewards of its bountiful gifts; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

Let us continue our prayers to the one who calls us to faithfulness and strengthens us for the journey:

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Bishop, John our Priest, and all who serve God in the church.

We give thanks this week for the birthdays of Alexander Morgan, Ellie Zdrojewski, Rachel Neumann, Gary Wilcocks, Betty Kirchman, Shirley Shoen, and Ronald Wacker.

We pray for God's healing and comfort for those connected with this congregation who are ill or homebound, and all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*[You may add your own prayers of thanksgiving or petition, silently or aloud.]*

*Then the concluding collect is said by all:*

**God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen**

*Individual healing prayer will be offered.*

THE PEACE

*All able to do so, please stand*

*Priest*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*

**And also with you.**



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS      *Holy, holy, holy Lord*      *Hymnal S-129*

**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 comes in the name of the Lord:**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*(Please be seated or kneel for the remainder of the prayer.)*

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,  
**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 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.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Priest*           And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All*               **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***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION ANTHEM)

*As the bread is broken, the choir leads the congregation in a Fraction Anthem:           Christ our Passover           Hymnal S-154*

*Priest*           We share the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

*All*               **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

*Priest*           The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*All*               **Thanks be to God!**



## COMMUNION

*Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Communion may be taken in both forms, or in bread or wine alone. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the priest know if you need them. Those who choose to not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. During Communion, meditative music is played, and the following hymn is sung.*

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

*Hymnal 324*

## SENDING OUT OF THE DISCIPLES

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen***

### BLESSING

May God the Father show you the light of his glory in the face of his Son, so that you may be a light to the world; and may the blessing of God – our Creator, Redeemer & Sustainer – be with us all, now and for ever. *Amen*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

CLOSING HYMN *Christ for the world we sing! Hymnal 537*

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*      Go in peace. Your light has come. Alleluia!  
*All*                **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

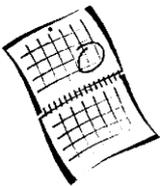
## POSTLUDE

**Whether you are visiting or regularly attend St. Mark's, you are very welcome here.** If you are visiting, our ushers will be happy to answer any questions. Please sign our Guest Book located on the table near the door.

***PLEASE JOIN US*** for refreshments & conversation in the Fellowship Hall following the 10 am service.



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## ST. MARK'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMINDER** – Today (and the third Sunday of each month) **a special offering is taken for the Food Pantry.** Please put your donations in the plate near the altar steps.

Everyone is welcome to join us for **Mid-Week Eucharist and Roundtable Discussion** in the chapel at 10:00 am this **Wednesday, January 22.** At our weekday service we look for

inspiration in the lives of men/women commemorated by the church.

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 26 (The Third Sunday after the Epiphany)** – Services at 8 and 10 am. Lectionary readings assigned for the day: *Isaiah 9:1-4 • Ps. 27:1, 4-9 • 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 • Matthew 4:12-23*

**Ordo Calendars for 2020 are still available.** You can pick one up on the desk in the hallway.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin next Sunday, January 26.** The group will gather in the Guild Room after Choir. Lunch will be provided. A series of five weekly classes will be held, in preparation for Confirmation by Bishop Sean after Easter. Our Episcopal prayer book defines this as the sacramental rite in which previously baptized candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p. 860). If you are interested in being confirmed or received (if you have been confirmed in another denomination), please speak with Fr. John.

**DEDICATION OF FLOWERS AND CANDLES:** If you wish to place **altar flowers** in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, please put your name on the Flower Chart (located on the bulletin board in the hallway), along with the dedication info and the number of vases you are purchasing. The cost is \$20 per vase. Envelopes are available there to order flowers and submit your payment. The **Sanctuary Candle** and **Memorial Candle** can also be dedicated in memoriam or thanks; the Sanctuary Candle is \$5 and the Memorial Candle is \$10.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES \*

- *Coffee Hour hosts* are needed throughout the year; the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.
- The *Altar Guild* is looking for new members; this requires a minimal commitment and training is provided. Please speak with Kathy Sokolowski to find out more.
- *St. Mark's Choir* seeks new members. We are especially in need of sopranos, but all are welcome! Contact our Music Director, Tennille Trenchard, for more information.

*\* These are just a few of the ways that you may be able to contribute your time and energy to the life of St. Mark's. Please feel free to make an appointment to talk to Fr. John if you'd like to explore other ways that you can get involved. And if you're aware of a committee or project that needs volunteers, please contact Fr. John or the parish office.*

*Stewardship*

*is the grateful response of a Christian disciple  
who recognizes and receives God's gifts  
and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.*

## ***Prayers for the Week of Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

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**Sunday** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the United Church of Bangladesh. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Genesee Deanery; Christ Church, Albion; St. Luke's, Attica; and St. James', Batavia. Among our local churches, we pray for: iHope Community Church, Pendleton Center United Methodist Church, The North Tonawanda Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, and our Deanery Partner - Christ Church, Lockport.

**Monday** We pray for all who are sick, suffering or in any need or trouble. We especially ask for God's healing and comfort for those who are ill or homebound, and all who have asked for our prayers, including: Fr. Glenn Fuller, Theresa Arndt, Harold Becker, Jessica Cameron, Libby Foels, Fritz Gerwitz, Ellie Zdrojewski, Joan McKernan, Tom Prusinowski, Zhour Benaich Harding, Michelle Young, Geraldine Orchard, Pat Mahoney, John Kucharski (Junior), Art Lee, Audrey Miner, Sandra Miner, Susan and Scott Thibault, Joe Rudd, Beth Rossow, Betty Lamb, Jeff Donato, Karen, Julie, Susan, Lois, Bill, Audrey, Robin, Mark., Robert, Joe and Virginia.

**Tuesday** We ask that God will guide the leaders in our country and the world, strengthening their commitment to justice and peace. We pray for Donald our President, Andrew our governor, our legislators, our courts, and our service men and women.

**Wednesday** We give thanks for the many who contribute their skills to our worship. We pray for our Choir, Organist, Altar Guild, Eucharistic Ministers,

Eucharistic Visitors, Acolytes, Ushers, Sunday School Teachers, our priest Fr. John, and our seminarian, Katie Smith.

**Thursday** We rejoice in the many blessings of this life, giving thanks for the birthdays of Alexander Morgan, Ellie Zdrojewski, Rachel Neumann, Gary Wilcocks, Betty Kirchman, Shirley Shoen, and Ronald Wacker.

**Friday** We give thanks for all the members of this congregation who give of themselves in service to God and others. We pray for our Vestry and Officers, parish committees, and for the upcoming Annual Meeting & Vestry Election.

**Saturday** We give thanks for the buildings and grounds, and the rich heritage entrusted to us. We pray for our Sextons.



**Note: Prayer Request forms can be found in each pew. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the envelope by the door to the Parish Office.**



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Rich Fischer (Treasurer), Rebecca Goris (Co-Warden, Clerk),

Marty Hall, Linda Hardy, Jane Lemley,

Barb Nesbit, Benjamin Phillips (Co-Warden),

Jeff Trenchard, Diane Wacker, Ray Wolf

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**NOTICE re the Vestry Election and Annual General Meeting**

This meeting has been postponed until March. We are seeking candidates to fill one of the positions of Warden and several vestry seats. Members and leadership for several parish committees, including Stewardship and Buildings & Grounds, is also being sought. A box for nominations and suggestions will be in the hall outside the Parish Office through Sunday, January 26. Please prayerfully consider whether God is leading you to volunteer!