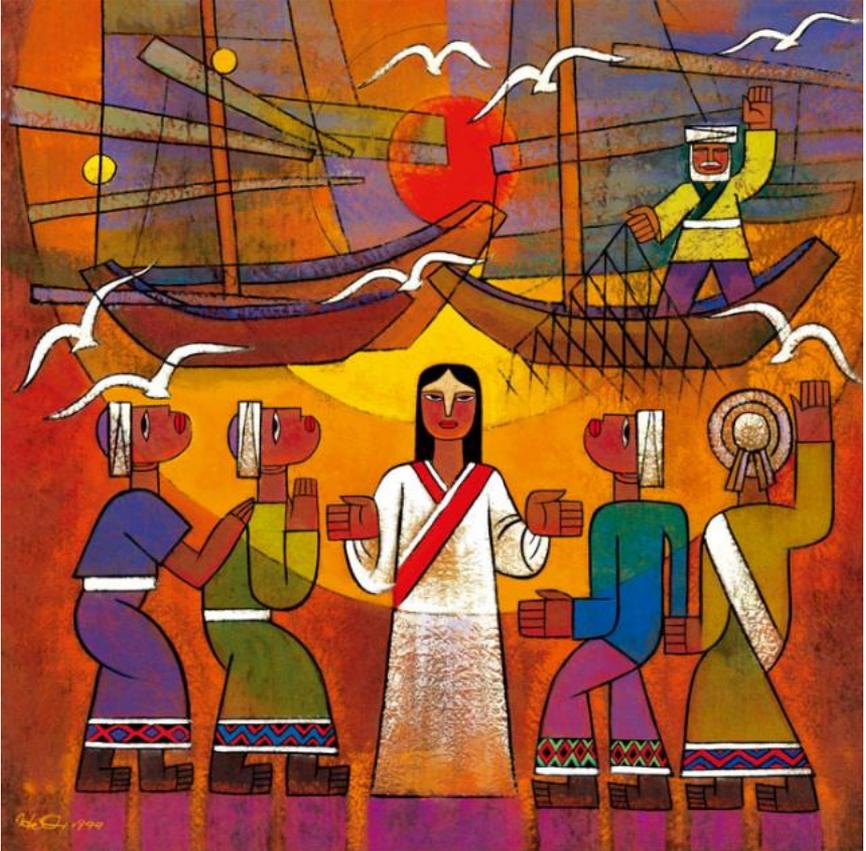


The Third Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 26, 2020



St. Mark's Episcopal Church, North Tonawanda

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Organist: Su Lee

WELCOME

Please remain seated.

The Rev. John Seib

OPENING HYMN

They cast their nets

Hymnal 661

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: **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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Ps. 139:1-11

8 am

BCP, p. 794

10 am

Lord, thou hast searched me *Hymnal 702*

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

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
 Galilee of the Gentiles—
 the people who sat in darkness
 have seen a great light,
 and for those who sat in the region and
 shadow of death, light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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)

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.

The light of Christ breaks through our hesitations, and releases our tongues to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, and so we offer our prayers responding, “Hear us, God of Glory.”

That the Church may respond with compassion and generosity to those who live with the anguish of unemployment, disrespect, hunger, and fear, releasing them from their anxiety through the supportive ministry and compassion of the household of faith; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

In thanksgiving for those who have been lights in their generation, especially Peter, Andrew, James and John; may

we, following their example, leave comfort and certainty behind as we respond to Jesus' call to follow wherever he leads; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

In thanksgiving for writers and actors, dancers and singers, doctors and teachers, and all who use their talents in the cause of peace throughout the world; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

For the leaders of the nations, that concern for justice may guide the daily decisions they must make on our behalf, and that a dedication for the common good may overcome the powerful seduction of a few; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

For those whom we no longer see, but who live in the fellowship of the saints, in whose company we hope to reside – especially Walter Yaro, whose funeral was held here yesterday, and Henry Warchocki, for whom the Sanctuary candle burns; let us pray. *Hear us, God of Glory.*

Guided by the light of Christ shining in our hearts, we continue our prayers:

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 Joyce Lee, Angela Buscaglia, Joshua Poole, Katie Orłowski-Williams, Sam Mitzel-Artale, and Bill MacDougall.

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.

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

Then the concluding collect is said by all:

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming as the light for the world. Shine into our darkness, so that we see God's love, and follow in the way you show us. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE PEACE

All able to do so, please stand

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The members of the community greet one another. Then all return to their places and remain seated for the offertory.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Lord of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. *James 1:17*

Music is played as the altar is prepared and offerings are collected. As the gifts are brought forward, all able to do so, please stand.

THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

Hymnal 380, v. 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. Amen**

PRESENTATION & PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(BCP Prayer B)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. 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 *I come with joy Hymnal 304*

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

Thy strong word

Hymnal 381

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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*The Sanctuary Candle burns in
memory of Henry Warchocki,
given by Catherine Holesko.*

Prayers for the Week of Sunday, January 26th, 2020

Sunday In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church of Brazil. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Northern Erie Deanery; Church of the Advent, Kenmore; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Grand Island; and St. Mark's, North Tonawanda. Among our local churches, we pray for: St. Mary and St. Moses Coptic Orthodox Church, Renewal Church, New Generation Church, 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, Fritzi 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 Joan McKernan, Sheryl Molnar, Alexander Green, and Wendy Hanks.

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, our 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.

Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!

- *Ps. 116:2 (New Living Translation)*



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NOTICE re the Vestry Election and Annual General Meeting

This meeting has been postponed until late February/early March (specific date to be announced next week). We are seeking candidates to fill one of the positions of Warden and several vestry seats (of varying terms, from one to three years). 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 **NEXT SUNDAY**, February 2. Please prayerfully consider whether God is leading you to volunteer!