



St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Lappans

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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks.
Hymns listed with an "S" are in the front portion of the hymnal.*

*The service today is from "Enriching Our Worship",
an approved source of supplemental liturgy
to the Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Transfiguration"

*Joel Martinson
sung by the choir*

"We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless."

-Carl P. Daw, Jr.-

OPENING PROCESSIONAL 137 (vs. 1-4)

O Wondrous Type!

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

THE GLORIA S-280

Glory to God in the Highest

The Collect of the Day

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Christ our true and only Light: receive our morning prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 2

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed?

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

**4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.**

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

**6 “I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion.”**

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

**8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

**10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;

**12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

The Second Lesson

II Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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SEQUENCE HYMN 129

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP, page 388

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and

strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Renewal of St. Mark's

We turn back to you, Lord, for we know you will guide us in all areas of our parish life, so that we will experience full renewal as the Corporate Body of Christ in St Mark's. We are nothing without you, and we ask that you gently remind us of your love, forgiveness, and your willingness to grant us a new life in You. Give us your wisdom and strength in all we say and do in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Servant Song"

*Richard Gillard
arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham*

“Won't you let me be your servant; let me be, as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.”

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Mark and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

FRACTION ANTHEM S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

The Words of Invitation

All are welcome to the Supper of Our Lord.

The Communion of the People

COMMUNION HYMN WLP 800

Precious Lord, Take My Hand/ Climbin' Up d'Mountain Children *(African American Spiritual Medley)*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Blessing

CLOSING RECESSIONAL 135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

POSTLUDE

“Eternal Light”

*Mark Schweizer
sung by the choir*

“Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Power, be our support.

Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.

That will all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.”

-Alcuin of York, England, 8th C.-

The Dismissal

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant:	The Rev. Patrick Pierce, Interim Rector
Usher:	Larry Barger
Acolyte:	Angie Eyler
Lector:	Topper Bitler
Organist/Choirmaster:	W. Kirk Denton
Classical Guitarist:	Danny Nelson
Tellers:	Angie Eyler, Debbie Ashbaugh
Altar Guild:	Pam Troncatti, Lynda Smargiassi, Linda Shelton, Ida Valentine, Debbie Ashbaugh

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Patrick A. Pierce, *Interim Rector*
W. Kirk Denton, *Organist/Choirmaster*
Cindy Nelson, *Parish Administrator*

PRAYER LIST

Your continued prayers are asked for those on our prayer list.
For those with recent needs: Richard Dant, Teddy Weston, Linn Davison, Sue Asten, Hazel Lehman, and Bradley Moschel

For our military & civilians serving both at home and abroad: Owen Noble, Heth Troncatti

For our homebound members: Katherine Burtner, Anne Hawks, Peg Hayzlett, Val Jardine, Al Ward, and our sisters and brothers at Homewood, Somerford and Commonwealth Senior Living Homes

For those on our on-going prayer list: Alex Adle, Frederick Ahalt, Danny Ashbaugh, Betsy DeVore, Sissy Giffin, Lynne Gruber, Sherri Humble, Ray Montini, William Reeves, Ben Reilly, Luke Reilly, Noreen Skinner, Jesse Spielman, Joseph Martin Stang, Jr. Sue Titus, Avery Watt, and the people of Ukraine

For those on our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Linn Davison, Edward & Amy Dougherty and family, and Howard Dove

For the deceased: Arleen Higgins (mother of Pam Troncatti)



***The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by W. Alexander & Janet Williams,
in memory of Maude Anderson Williams.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, February 19, 2023

SUNDAY, February 19, Last Sunday after Epiphany

- **Father Patrick+** has planned a special service today from *Enriching Our Worship*, which is approved supplemental liturgy to the Book of Common Prayer. The service today is Rite II. Service time is 9 AM in the Historic Church which includes livestreaming on [Facebook](#).
- **St. Mark's annual meeting is today** after morning worship in the Parish Hall. Bring a covered dish to share for a potluck afterwards.
- **Prayer requests** can be given to Father Patrick+ or by calling the church office (301-582-0417). You may leave a message if there is no answer.
- **We strive to serve Christ at the Crossroads** and appreciate your gifts. Our mailing address is: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 18313 Lappans Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713. We warmly thank you with grateful hearts.

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, February 21 daytime activities** in Boyd Cook Conference Room: Healing service – 11 AM; Bible study – 11:45 AM; and Centering Prayer – 12:30 PM.
- **Tuesday, February 21 evening activities** in the Parish Hall: **Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and game night**, 5-7 PM. The cost is free; however, donations are kindly accepted. Please RSVP by calling the church office (301-582-0417) so we are prepared with enough food.
- **Ash Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday service** at noon in the Historic Church.
- **Thursday, February 23: A special Vestry meeting** is at 7:30 PM in Boyd Cook Conference Room. +Bishop Ihloff and The Rev. Canon Kristofer Lindh-Payne, Diocese of MD Canon for Congregational Vitality, will be our guests.
- **St. Mark's Blessings Food & Clothes Closet is open on Saturday, February 25**, 1-4 PM in the Wilson Room.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 26, First Sunday in Lent

COMING UP

- **A Lenten Quiet Day is Saturday, March 18**, 9 AM – 1 PM.
- **A campus work day is Saturday, March 25**. The goal is to clean up fallen branches in the churchyard and freshen up the mulch.

FOR PASTORAL NEEDS

- **Father Patrick+ can be reached at 717-372-2053** for pastoral needs.

SERVING OTHERS

- **Micah's Backpack especially welcomes donations of money**. Remember to mark your check appropriately in the memo line. St. Mark's continues to sponsor five (5) children at Rockland Woods Elementary School. **Any small amount given on a routine basis - - by several donors - - can really make a difference!**
- **Our Blessings Boxes** always have some room left for more items. **Currently there is a need for toiletry items, as well as other non-perishable items that can be left outdoors** safely in the winter temperatures. Also, packages of **new underwear and socks could be utilized in the indoor Blessings Food & Clothing Closet**. The nearby community depends on this valuable resource we offer, so please consider taking advantage of some sale items when you are out shopping.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Horizon Goodwill Industries announces, in partnership with Meritus Health, the opening of a Hagerstown Health Hub** (which opened on Monday, February 6) at 200 N. Prospect Street in Hagerstown. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 AM – 3 PM. Insured and uninsured Washington County residents will be served; uninsured residents will be connected to a Health Insurance Navigator to aid in gaining insurance. Services offered will be onsite primary care; COVID/flu shots; blood pressure and diabetes screening, and monthly educational classes. Walk-ins are accepted. For more information, call 301-733-7330 or read more on Goodwill's [website](#).