

# Second Sunday after Epiphany



January 14, 2024

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

## PRELUDE

### OPENING MUSIC

### “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”



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;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



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,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



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.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

### 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, worshiped, 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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is

listening.'” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying

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

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

**How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!**

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the  
sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun

fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*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 1:43-51

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him,

“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Julie Cicora

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 things are fixed,  
and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.



**We believe in God above, beside, within,  
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one,  
the one in three. Amen.**

**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**

*Please stand*

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.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, 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.

God of light.

**Hear our prayer.**

You created the earth and all it contains. Help the earth rest and we with it during these winter months. Inspire us to dream your dreams for the E.D.E.N. Gardens and provide us with people and resources to make your dreams come to pass.

God of light.

**Hear our prayer.**

You heal what is broken and make all things new. Grant peace in war-torn nations that diplomatic wisdom and good will be with all

leaders to end the torment of violence, so that all children may live in safety and security.

God of light.

**Hear our prayer.**

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...

God of light.

**Hear our prayer.**

You give us examples of Christ-like living through the witness of the faithful departed. As your beloved called on the name of Jesus throughout their lives, inspire us to call upon him in joy and in need.

God of light.

**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.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by  
the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S TABLE

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

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

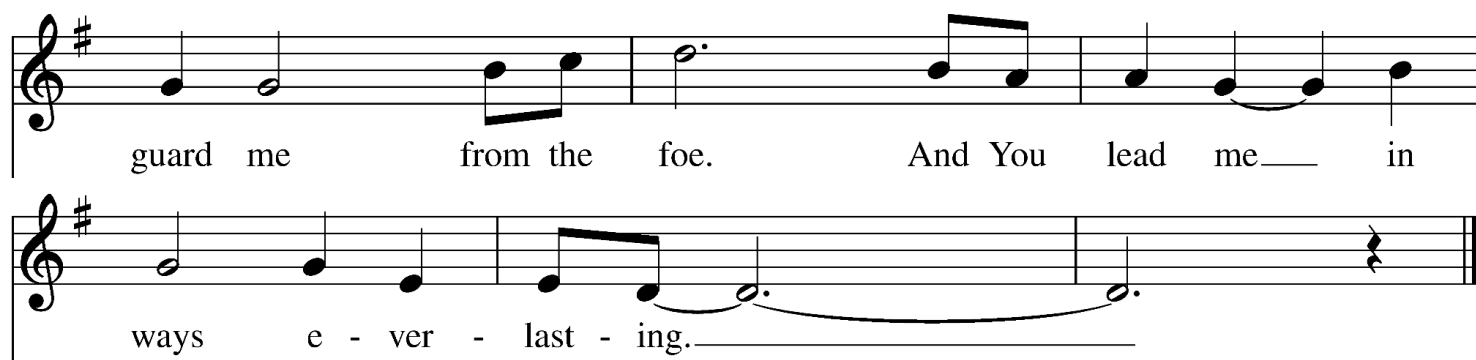
## MUSIC

### "You Are Near"

Yah - weh, I know You are near, \_\_\_\_\_ stand - ing

al - ways at my side. \_\_\_\_\_ You

The musical notation is for the hymn "You Are Near". It consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a long horizontal line after "near," and the second staff ends with a long horizontal line after "side.".



## 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 join in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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. Incarnate 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 now 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"

*Music by Jacques Berthier, Lyrics from Psalm 103*

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

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The accompaniment is written in eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are aligned with the treble staff.

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

The second system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody from the first system. The lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff continues the accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are aligned with the treble staff.

## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

*ALL are welcome to receive communion.*

*Please be seated. Our Eucharistic Ministers will come to you. As they approach, please stand if you are able. 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.*

# COMMUNION MUSIC

## "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?\_\_\_\_\_  
 word to them. Whom shall I send?\_\_\_\_\_  
 life to them. Whom shall I send?\_\_\_\_\_

Here I am, Lord.\_\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord?\_\_\_\_\_ I have



heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,

if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2. heart. 3. heart.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**We thank you, O God,  
that you have fed us at your banqueting table  
with bread and wine beyond compare,  
the very life of Christ for us.  
Send your Spirit with us now,  
that we may set the captive free,  
use your gifts to build one another up,  
and in everything reflect your glory  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
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. (2x)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

May Her favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
And your family and your children and their children,  
and their children. (2x)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace and share the story of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (1/15/24-1/21/24)**

*The church office is open Tuesday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm*

### **Monday**

6:30 pm      Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

### **Tuesday**

1:00 pm      Food Shelf Bagging (St. Thomas' Volunteers)

Afternoon      Seed Sowers & Storytellers

### **Wednesday**

10:30-12 pm      Food Shelf Distribution  
(Mike F. & Joe C.)

### **Thursday**

Afternoon      Seed Sowers & Storytellers

### **Sunday**

9:15 am      Worship w/Eucharist

10:15 am      Annual Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our monthly **Vestry Meeting** will be held tomorrow, 1/15 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

**The Diocese announces three Candidates for the ninth Bishop of Rochester**

You can find pictures, bios and the election timeline by going to:

<https://www.thedioceseofrochesterbishopsearch.org/>. There will be an opportunity to meet and greet the candidates at St. Luke's and St. Cyrine's on January 23 at 6 pm. Sign ups are required ahead of time.

**Pastor Cindy will be on leave** due to some health issues for four to six weeks. Maria will be covering in her absence. Sunday services will be Morning Prayer and Eucharist when the Rev. Julie Cicora is available.

Interested in serving as a **Food Shelf Volunteer** in 2024? We need your help! You can sign up for a Wednesday distribution shift online at [stmarksandstjohns.org/volunteer](http://stmarksandstjohns.org/volunteer).

Looking to be a congregational leader at SMSJ? We are accepting nominations for 2 seats on our Vestry. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone for a term, please speak to Co-Wardens Michele Holmes and Walt Snyder.

Our **Annual Meeting** will take place on Sunday, January 21 following Worship. Please make it a priority to attend to vote on Vestry elections, hear important congregational updates, and have a Q&A with SMSJ Staff and Vestry Wardens.

**Monthly Handbell Ensemble** will resume on Sunday, January 28! We rehearse at 8:15 am - come and join us to make some music!

**Save the Date!** We will be hosting a Valentine's Day Wine and Dessert fundraiser on Friday, February 9th at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy local wine paired with delicious homemade desserts. Tickets will be on sale for \$30 and available for purchase beginning 1/15 at [bit.ly/SMSJWine2024](https://bit.ly/SMSJWine2024)

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Are we missing your information? Send us an email at [admin@stmarksandstjohns.org](mailto:admin@stmarksandstjohns.org) so we can add it and celebrate your special day with you!*

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Julie C. - 1/29	<i>Celebrating an anniversary in January? Let us know so we can celebrate you!</i>

## Worship Leaders January-March

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Lesson and Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Prayers of the People &amp; Greeter</b>
1/14	Heather G.	Terri C.	Deb S.
1/21	Joe C.	Michele H.	Tom F.
1/28	Theresa H.	Steve F.	Sharon K.
2/4	Mike F.	Heather G.	Terri C.
2/11	Deb S.	Joe C.	Michele H.
2/18	Tom F.	Theresa H.	Nancy W.
2/25	Sharon K.	Mike F.	Mary E.
3/3	Michele H.	Deb S.	Heather G.
3/10	Terri C.	Mary E.	Joe C.
3/17	Steve F.	Tom F.	Theresa H.
3/24	Dave E.	Sharon K.	Mike F.

## Worship Leaders January-March

Date	Hold Cup Tray	Give Single Cup	Collect Cups
1/7	Mike F.	Sharon K.	Theresa H.
1/14	Tom F.	Michele H.	Joe C.
1/21	Deb S.	Terri C.	Heather G.
1/28	Bob C.	Dave E.	Mary E.
2/4	Mary E.	Mike F.	Sharon K.
2/11	Theresa H.	Tom F.	Michele H.
2/18	Joe C.	Deb S.	Terri C.
2/25	Heather G.	Bob C.	Dave E.
3/3	Dave E.	Mary E.	Mike F.
3/10	Sharon K.	Theresa H.	Tom F.
3/17	Michele H.	Joe C.	Deb S.
3/24	Terri C.	Heather G.	Bob C.



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

Co-Wardens: Michele Holmes & Walt Snyder

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Diocesan Delegates: Nancy Willer, Ella Gruel, and Deb Snyder

Alternate Diocesan Delegate: Terri Censak

**Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition Representative**

Terri Censak