

## THE WAY OF LOVE

*Whoever and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome. Our message is that God's unconditional love is extended to you right now through Jesus Christ. Here in this church, God says, "You belong, this is my family, and you have a place in it." You are welcome to come to this table to receive the bread and wine made holy.*

### LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

February 11, 2024 8:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Sortie*  
*Carillon*  
Dana Anderson, organ

Young  
Young

### THE PROCESSION

*All stand*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP red) 323

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP (red) 323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## GLORIA

BCP (red) 324

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP (red) 165

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with thy spirit.***

Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE LESSONS

*All are seated*

#### 2 KINGS 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 50:1-6** *read responsively by the whole verse*

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 ***Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.***

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 ***He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of his people.***

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 ***Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.***

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

## **MARK 9:2-9**

*All stand and turn to face the Gospel procession*

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

## **THE SERMON**

The Reverend Walt Seeley

*All are seated*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

BCP (red) 358

*All stand*

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All kneel or stand*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1

You who, by the leading of a star, guided the Magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, lead us to the light of revelation, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our sisters and brothers.

*Silence*

Christ, be our light

***Shine in our hearts.***

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

*Silence*

Christ, be our light

***Shine in our hearts.***

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

*Silence*

Christ, be our light

***Shine in our hearts.***

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

*Silence*

Christ, be our light

***Shine in our hearts.***

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

*Silence*

Christ, be our light

***Shine in our hearts.***

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife. Shine the light of hope.

*Silence*

Christ, be our light

***Shine in our hearts.***

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

*Silence*

Christ, be our light

***Shine in our hearts.***

We pray for St. Francis on the Prairie Episcopal Church in Wright and for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in honor of Betsy Taggart, in loving memory of Betty Lee, and in loving memory of Ibbey Davis. Your own prayers and petitions may be added at this time.

***Gracious and loving God***, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide the Search Committee, Vestry, and people of St. Mark's Church through this time of transition and discernment. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas; so that we may follow where you lead — knowing that our Lord walks with us each step of the way. Empower each and every member of our Search Committee to use their gifts for ministry to the fullest; to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in all the people of St. Mark's a glorious vision of the future; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may be united in the way of love — with warm hearts, enlightened minds and open arms — so that we may gladly accomplish the mission to which you are calling us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Christ, be our light. Shine in our heart. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. ***Amen.***

## CONFESSION

BCP (red) 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

BCP (red) 332

*All stand*

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

BCP (red) 830

*Watch over Your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may Your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### AT THE OFFERTORY

*Arietta*

Haydn

*An offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. Thank you for your generosity.*

*Officiant* All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP (red) 340

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with thy spirit.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people kneel or stand*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.



And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

***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**

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

Come, all those who have much faith, and those who have little, those who have been here often and those who have not been here long, those who have tried to follow you and those who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites us. It is God's will that those who desire God should meet God here. **Amen.**

*All are welcome at the altar. All who desire to receive communion and those wishing to receive a prayer of blessing are invited to the altar rail. Gluten-free wafers are available at the communion rail. Please inform the servers at the altar rail if you desire gluten-free wafers.*

**COMMUNION**

*Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*

Arr. L. Line

## SENDING FORTH

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP (red) 339

*The people kneel or stand*

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*People* ***Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.***

### BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

### THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude in G*

R.M. Stults

*If you are unable to make it to church and would like communion, please contact the church office.*

## **ST. MARK'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST**

Diocesan Prayer: St. Francis on the Prairie Episcopal Church in Wright.

Anglican Cycle of Prayers: Episcopal Church of South Sudan, Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba (West Indies), Diocese of Carlisle (England), Diocese of East Carolina (The Episcopal Church), Diocese of North Carolina (The Episcopal Church), Diocese of South Carolina (The Episcopal Church), and Diocese of Upper South Carolina (The Episcopal Church).

### **SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEK ARE:**

Genesis 9:8-17                      Psalm 25:1-9  
1 Peter 3:18-22                     Mark 1:9-15

Website for weekly scriptures: <http://www.lectionarypage.net>

### **COMMEMORATIONS**

Feb. 11 Theodora, Empress, c.867  
Feb. 13 Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818  
Feb. 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries, 869 and 885  
Feb. 15 Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730  
Feb. 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop and Martyr, 197

### **ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in honor of Betsy Taggart and in loving memory of Betty Lee given by Betty's children Gregg, Marty, Harper, and Patty, and in loving memory of Ibbey Davis given by her husband, Rick, her family, and countless friends. You may sign up for a Sunday in the altar flower dedication book located in the rear of the church. More than one donor per Sunday is gratefully welcomed and due recognition given accordingly. Cost is \$70.00.

### **ST. MARK'S PARKING**

We are thankful to the Cheyenne family that allows us to use their parking lot west of the church on Sunday mornings. It's a parking lot that is leased by others throughout the week.

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8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Children's Chapel/Sunday School & Nursery

**Interim Rectors:** The Revs. Janet and Walt Seeley