

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE PIONEER CHURCH OF WYOMING



LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 9:30 AM



WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Mark's! We're so glad you're here today, and we hope that this service lifts your hearts and makes room for you to encounter God's grace.

This is the last Sunday before Lent. In older prayer books and calendars, today carried the name of Quinquagesima Sunday (try saying that ten times fast). The title means "fiftieth," pointing us to Easter even as we enter the more reflective and penitential season of Lent. This is why our readings today lead us up the mountain, into the light of Christ's glory. It is a reminder that the one whom we follow through the wilderness, and to the Cross, is also the one whose light can never be extinguished.

And before we begin that journey, we hope you'll join us for our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, February 17, at 5:30 PM. The Vestry is excited to fix pancakes, sausage, and other treats, so come ready to eat! Remember to wear your best Mardi Gras mask and vote for your favorite. We'll have prizes for both the winning adult and youth masks!

Then, on **Ash Wednesday**, we invite you to begin Lent with prayer and the Imposition of Ashes. We offer several service times:

- ◆ 7:00 AM - Imposition of Ashes
- ◆ 12:00 Noon - Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
- ◆ 2:00 PM - Ashes-to-Go at Capitol & 18th
- ◆ 7:00 PM - Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist

Today is also our **Spring Annual Parish Meeting**. Please plan to stick around after the service as we share parish updates, present the budget, and hear from our wardens. We'll have cake and refreshments in the Parish Hall following the meeting!

May Christ be present with you today and may the love and joy you receive strengthen you for the days ahead.

Blessings,

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel
Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Lent at ST. Mark's

Morning Prayer

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings at 7:30 AM. Church.
A simple and prayerful way to begin your day.

Wednesday Eucharist

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 PM. Church.
Using Historical Prayer Book Liturgies
February 25, 1549 BCP
March 4, 1662 BCP
March 11, 1789 BCP
March 18, 1928 BCP

Feast Days in Lent

Feast of St. Matthias - Tuesday, February 24, 5:30 PM
Feast of St. Joseph - Thursday, March 19, 5:30 PM
The Annunciation - Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 PM

Simple Suppers

Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 PM. Parish Hall.
Join us for a warm meal and welcoming community.

Icon Painting Workshop

Thursday, February 26, at 6:00 PM. Parish Hall.
Learn about icons & paint your own. Cost is \$20.

Sunday Formation

Study on the Book of Common Prayer, 11:00 AM. Guild Room.

Living Compass

Monday afternoons, 12:10 PM. Guild Room.

Women of the Passion

Saturday, March 28, at 1:00 PM. Church.

Lenten Service Bingo

Play along on Sundays! Printed in the Bulletin.

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The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God; in honor of Betsy Taggart’s birthday and in gratitude for her many years of service to St. Mark’s, given by Mara Funk; and in memory of Betty Lee, given by her grateful children Gregg, Marty, Harper, and Patty.

Prelude

Bev Reese, organ

“Prayer,” Gregg Sewell

Entering Procession (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 423

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise,” St. Denio

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity (standing)

BCP 355

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

All children through age ten are invited to follow the Children’s Processional Cross to Children’s Chapel.

Song of Praise (standing, sung by all) *Gloria in excelsis*

S280

“Glory to God,” Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day (standing)

BCP 217

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (seated)

Exodus 24:12-18

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (seated, chanted by choir)

Psalm 99, Dominus regnavit

*The Lord is King;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.*

*The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.*

*Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.*

*"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."*

*Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.*

*Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.*

*He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.*

*O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.*

*Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.*

The Second Lesson (seated)

2 Peter 1:16-21

Lector: A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 7

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies,” *Ratisbon*

The Gospel (standing)

Matthew 17:1-9

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, 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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (seated)

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel

The Nicene Creed (standing, said by all)

BCP 358

**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 worshiped 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 (standing) *Form III*

BCP 387

Celebrant: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and the world.

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those on the St. Mark's prayer list, for Our Father's House Episcopal Church in Ethete and for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; for the flowers on the altar, given to the Glory of God, in honor of Betsy Taggart's birthday and in gratitude for her many years of service to St. Mark's, and in memory of Betty Lee; and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin & Absolution (kneeling)

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All: **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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (standing)

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

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem (seated)

Bev Reese, organ

“Arise, Shine, Thy Light has Come,” *Stephen Burtonwood*

Presentation Hymn (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 380 v. 3

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,” *Old 100th*

**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.**

All baptized persons of any age regardless of their denomination and tradition are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord’s Supper.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C (standing)

BCP 369

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (standing, sung by all)

S125

“Holy, holy, holy,” *Richard Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or stand.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All: We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

Fraction Anthem (sung by all)

S 154

“Christ our Passover,” *David Hurd*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come forward for Communion. Stand or kneel at the altar rail as you are able, and receive the wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, to dip lightly into the chalice for yourself. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Communion Hymn (sung by all)

LEVAS 188

“It is well with my soul”

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol;
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

Eight-fold Alleluia

1. Glory to God 2. Light of Life 3. Jesus is Lord 4. Alleluia

Post-Communion Prayer (standing, said by all)

BCP 365

**All: 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.**

The Blessing (standing)

The Dismissal (standing)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Departing Procession (standing, sung by all)
“Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty,” *Nicaea*

Hymn 362

*At the conclusion of the closing hymn, please be seated as we begin our **Spring Annual Parish Meeting**. Copies of the Annual Report are available for your reference.*

*Following the Annual Meeting, please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, cake, and refreshments.
All are welcome!*

Postlude

“Toccata in F,” *Dieterich Buxtehude*

Bev Reese, organ

ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
6:00 PM, PARISH HALL

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NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY, JUST CURIOSITY AND PRAYERFUL INTENTION.
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COFFEE OF THE MONTH


Wyo Wake Coffee
Moorcroft, WY



Columbian: Light roast with chocolate, caramel, cherry, stone fruit, & red apple notes

Organic Ethiopia: Medium roast with berry, peach, cane sugar, floral & cocoa notes

Decaf: Medium roast with chocolate, caramel, cherry, stone fruit, & red apple notes



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

LEVEL UP YOUR WEEKEND

BOARD GAMES AND FUN FOR ALL AGES! AND SNACKS!

FEBRUARY 15
5:00 TO 7:00 PM
PARISH HALL

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



BRING YOUR BEST MARDI GRAS MASK!

BEST ONE WINS A PRIZE!

FEBRUARY 17 | 5:30 PM

ASH Wednesday

February 18

IMPOSITION OF ASHES
7:00 AM, CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST & IMPOSITION OF ASHES
12:00 NOON, CHURCH

ASHES-TO-GO
2:00 PM, CAPITOL & 18TH

HOLY EUCHARIST & IMPOSITION OF ASHES
7:00 PM, CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

COMEIA SHELTER

Help us in providing a warm meal for those in need by serving at the COMEA Shelter. St. Mark's serves meals every 3rd Thursday at 5:30 PM. Your help makes a difference! To volunteer, please contact Eric Nelson at nelsonhams19@gmail.com. Next: **February 19**

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is a meditative prayer practice where we prayerfully listen to a sacred reading and then share our reflections on the chosen text. Please join us in the Sew & Sews room from 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon for our upcoming sessions on **February 20 & 27**. This series is open to all. For more info, please contact Loretta Barker at barker4440@gmail.com.

TAIZÉ

Experience a peaceful, contemplative service of chant, scripture, and candlelight, led by the Sancte Spiritus Singers and instrumentalists. Held every 3rd Friday, our next service is **February 20** at 7:00 PM with a reception to follow.

FEAST DAYS

Join us in celebrating the Church's Feast Days with simple evening services at 5:30 PM, all using the traditional language of Rite I. These holy days remind us that the story of Christ and his saints continues to shape and inspire our lives.

**St. Matthias the Apostle:
Tuesday, February 24, 5:30 PM**

LIVING COMPASS LENTEN STUDY

The focus of this 6-week journey will be "Cultivating Healing and Wholeness in Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind." Class booklets are free of charge. Kathy Keck and Chris Van Burgh will lead this study. We will meet in the Guild Room from 12:10 - 1:10 PM every Monday in Lent: **February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & April 6**

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING RITE

Beginning in September, join us once a month on the Third Wednesday at 5:30 PM for a Eucharist that includes prayers for healing and anointing with holy oil. This Healing Rite is a time to seek God's grace for yourself or for others, whether for physical illness, emotional struggles, or spiritual renewal.

Upcoming: March 18

(Note: not meeting in February)

GIRLFRIENDS UNLIMITED

- **SEW & SEWS**

Gather with fellow crafters for friendship, creativity, and fun. Join us every 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Sew & Sews Room (downstairs). **Next: February 18**

- **LIT 'N' LATTE**

The Girlfriends Unlimited book club meets in the Windflower Room (3rd Floor) of the Laramie County Library from 3:00 - 4:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Upcoming date: February 23

The foregoing text of the worship service contained in this order of worship is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The Book of Common Prayer alone is of authority in the worship of the Episcopal Church. This program is provided for convenience of use on this occasion.



Altar Flower Dedications
Sign up for a Sunday in the altar flower dedication book located in the narthex of the church. More than one donor per Sunday is gratefully welcomed.
Cost is \$100.

Parking at St. Mark's
We are grateful to the Galeotos Family for graciously allowing us to use their parking lot, located next to the Kingham Walkway free of charge on Sunday mornings. Please enjoy this convenient parking option as we come together for worship each week.

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