

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

8 a.m. Sunday, January 29, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE ENTRANCE RITE

ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith....

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ have mercy upon us.** Lord...

THE GLORIA

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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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
**Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The People are seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 15 (*Read in unison*) *Domine, quis habitabit?*

1 LORD, *who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?*

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

THE EPISTLE: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(The People stand)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy Spirit.**

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev’d Gary K. Sturni, D.Min.

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We believe in one 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ....

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*(All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church
are welcome to receive Holy Communion here.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee....

CONCLUDING COLLECT

DISMISSAL

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SAMPLE ST. MARK'S CHAPEL CHILI AT THE FRIENDS OF ECOLE AGAPE CHILI COOK OFF,
SAT. JAN. 28, 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM AT ST PHILIP CENTER (RT 44) ASHFORD. TICKETS ARE \$15

**Thank you to our Sunday Ministers:
January 29, 2023**

Rite I, 8 am

Altar Guild: B. Rossiter

Usher: T. Bitwinski

Eucharistic Minister: B. Rossiter

Reader: M. Zimmer

Prayers of the People: S. Gagnon

Videographer: D. Sykes

Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild - John Doiron

Usher - Mark Healey

Eucharistic minister - Laurie Gypson

Lector - Bruce Steinway

Intercessor - Bruce Steinway

Video - Madison Day

Coffee Hour - Madison Day

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