

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says:
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

the Priest, stands and says
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
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

-Announcements-

Offertory Hymn: SUNG BY THE CHOIR

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to by your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son, in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and St. John and all your Saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

Officiant and People Together:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **HAVE MERCY ON US.**

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Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN
HOLY EUCHARIST AT GOD’S TABLE**

Communion Hymn:

After Communion-Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us pray;

Celebrant and People: 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

CELEBRANT: GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD;

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Recessional Hymn:

CHURCH SERVICE TIME WILL REMAIN AT 8:30AM SUNDAY MORNINGS UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE



The Nicene Creed

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 -Form III From the Book of Common Prayer

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; Sean our Presiding Bishop, Audrey, Bishop of the Diocese of The Susquehanna, and Bishop Kevin- assisting Bishop, ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; especially for Trinity, Athens; St. Paul’s, Bloomsburg; St. John the Baptist, York; and St. Luke Bajur Parish, Kajo Keji- ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

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; especially Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, William, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Doris, Bill, Luan, Valerie, Chris, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Tom, Jesse, Lisa, Heather, Donna, Chuck, Milton, Betty, Ilona, George, Kris, George M. , Alida, John U., Nancy U., Jonna-Li and Logan ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Ray Lennon, for whose memory today’s flowers grace God’s Altar, ***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.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church
February 8, 2026
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
The Rev. Timothy Griffin

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn:

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
People: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and for ever, 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.

The Gloria(S280)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

The Celebrant says the Collect: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons (see insert)

HYMN:

The Gospel

The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2026 Book has opened to take reservations for Bulletin, Communion Cup Sponsorship and Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a specific date, please contact the office. The Bulletin Sponsorship fee is \$10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and \$20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter). Communion Cups Sponsorship- \$15 per week or \$50 per month. Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

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| Sponsorships |
| Altar Flowers: In Loving memory of Ray Lennon, by Judy Lennon |

LAY READER SCHEDULE

| Date | Reading | 8:30 AM | |
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| February 8 | Epiphany 5 | Deb Fry | Diane Lager |
| February 15 | Last Sunday after the Epiphany | Sue Urban | Jill Perry |
| February 18 | Ash Wednesday | | |
| February 25 | Lent 1 | Rose Douglas | Jim Pompa |

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

| Date: | Set Up | Clean Up |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| February 8 | Laura Ferko | Sue Urban |
| February 15 | Karen Gasker | Rose Douglas |
| February 22 | Tom & Diane Lager | Shelly Pompa |

Pastoral Needs: Fr. Tim Griffin is available for all pastoral needs. If you should need assistance, please contact him at 215-796-4602 or email: frtimgriffin@gmail.com

LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2nd Sunday of the Month following the 8:30am Service

Email Updates: Fr. Tim will be comprising a newsletter and would like to send it electronically, via email. Please fill out form located on the wooden table outside the main sanctuary.

2026 Bulletin and Altar Flowers Sponsor Calendar: Check availability on the calendar outside the main sanctuary (on the wooden table) and contact the office to reserve your date.

Cleaning Volunteers: Those interested in cleaning should contact Deb Fry 484-866-6111 or Dfrybikes81@gmail.com Cleaning Orientations will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6pm.

Beginning in February we will be holding a weekly adult forum to be based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The program will last 12 weeks and will require a commitment of about 30 minutes each day. Please let Fr. Tim know if you are interested in participating

Choir Rehearsals: Choir will meet on February 11th, March 4th, 18th, and 25th (Wednesdays) at 6pm at Tolman House. New members welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY- Services with Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held on February 18th at 6:30pm

Annual Meeting- The parish annual meeting will be held TODAY immediately following the 8:30am service.

Blessing Box- Items most needed: Canned tuna, Canned chicken, Peanut butter, Jelly, Fruit cups, Canned fruit, Small mayonnaise, Hamburger Helper, Breakfast cereal (individual serving), Evaporated milk

SICK AND HOMEBOUND– Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, William, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Doris, Bill, Luan, Valerie, Chris, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Tom, Jesse, Lisa, Heather, Donna, Chuck, Milton, Betty, Ilona, George, Kris, George M. , Alida, John U., Nancy U., Jonna-Li and Logan

*If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office

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Parish office hours: Monday- Wednesday 10am – 2pm, Thursday & Friday- By appointment

SERVICES

Sunday 8:30am- Main Sanctuary

Other services TBA

9:00am

September – May

Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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Michael Leonetti ('28)

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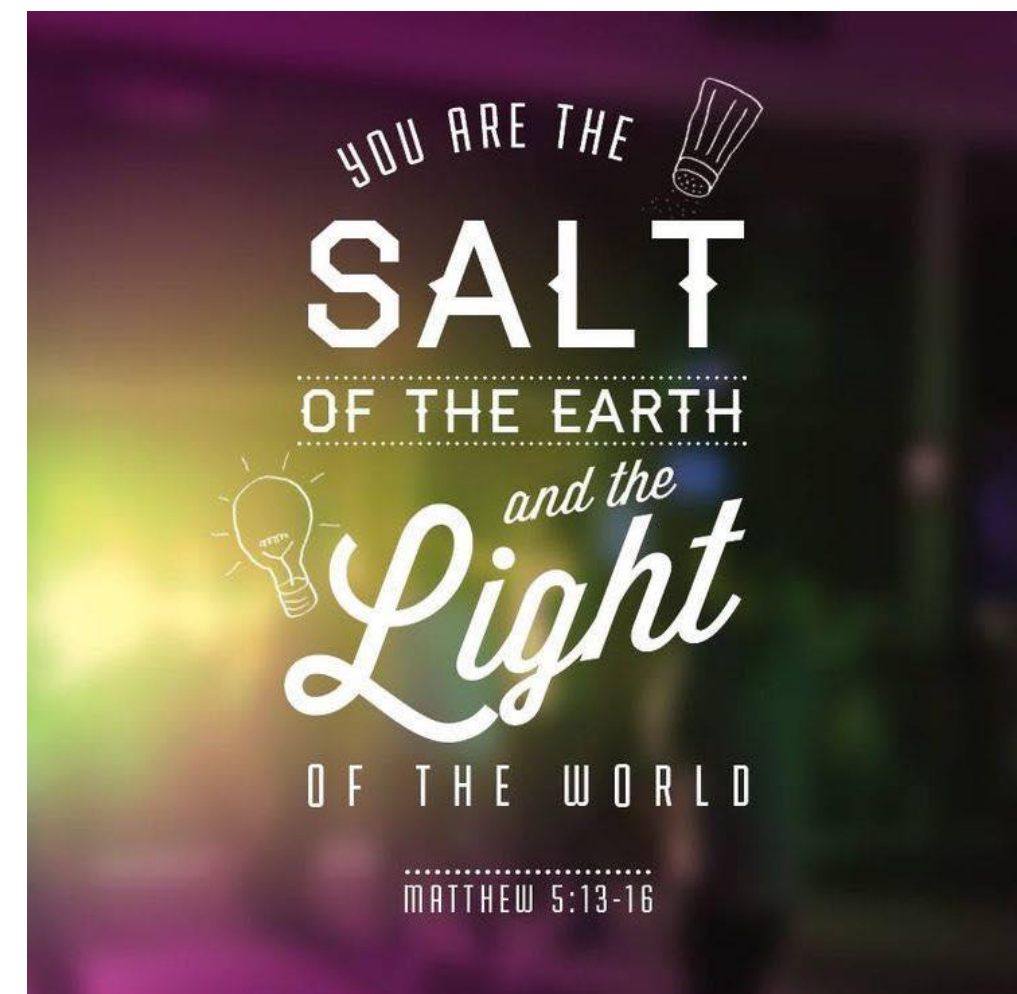
St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

Sunday, February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Parish Mission Statement

Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God's work in the Church and Community.



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