

## 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 light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. The peace of the Lord be with you,

**People:** **And also with you**

## Announcements

## Offertory Hymn: SUNG BY CHOIR

### The Holy Communion

#### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

**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 you 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 your 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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### ***Celebrant and People (Hymn S130)***

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

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 in 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### ***Celebrant and People***

***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ. 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 now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *\*have mercy on us.*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *\*grant us peace.*

**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.

**Communion Hymn: 324 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE**

*After communion:*

**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:** ALLELUIA! GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD,

**PEOPLE:** THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

**Recessional Hymn: 93 ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY**

**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.

**Prayers of the People Form II From the Book of Common Prayer**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, Our Presiding Bishop and Kevin, Our Bishop ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Charlea, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Dale, Brent, Mae, Curt, Mary, The Hower Family, Lynette, Thomas, Linda, Susan, Erin, Luan, Nick, Joanne, Bob, Sally, Jesse, Tommy, Frieda and Deanna

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. Pray for St. Andrew's, Alden; and Clergy of the Diocese of Bethlehem; for Peace in Sudan & South Sudan -St. Kajo Keji.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, -Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*St. Mark & St. John Episcopal Church*

*January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

*The Second Sunday After Christmas*

*The Rev. Robert Criste Troutman*

*Mr. Kris Hartenstine, Director of Music*

The Liturgy of the Word

**Entrance Hymn: 124 WHAT STAR IS THIS**

*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.*

*The Celebrant may say*

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 Song of Praise(Hymn 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:** O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (see insert)

**Gradual Hymn: 517 HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE (vs 1-2) (vs 3-4)**

Gospel

The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2025 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. 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.

LAY READER SCHEDULE

Date	Reading	9:00 AM	
January 5		Sue Ellen Andreas	Zach Baker
January 12		Bill Diehm	Tom Lager
January 19		Deb Fry	Diane Lager
January 26		Sue Urban	Jill Perry

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
January 5	Karen Horvath	Jill Perry
January 12	Laura Ferko	Sue Urban
January 19	Karen Gasker	Rose Douglas
January 26	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](mailto:frtimgriffin@gmail.com)

**LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING-** Will Take Place Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** choir will rehearse immediately after the 9am services- new members welcome!

**Lay Readers Needed!** Please consider becoming a Lay Reader- those interested are asked to contact Bill Diehm - [bmdiehm@ptd.net](mailto:bmdiehm@ptd.net) or contact the parish office.

**VESTRY POSITIONS OPEN IN 2025** - There are 2 members of Vestry who served both their terms, and as a result there will be 2 Vacancies for Vestry. Interested members are asked to contact the parish office or see any current Vestry Member. We will be voting for their seats during the Parish Annual Meeting held on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Blessing Box- Items most needed:** Juice, Canned fruit, Apple sauce, Spaghetti, Pasta sauce, Hamburger Helper, Canned tuna, Peanut butter, Jelly, Instant oatmeal, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Body wipes, Shampoo, Feminine products

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND-** Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Charlea, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Dale, Brent, Mae, Curt, Mary, The Hower Family, Lynette, Thomas, Linda, Susan, Erin, Luan, Nick, Joanne, Bob, Sally, Jesse, Tommy, Frieda and Deanna

*\*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 9am- Main Sanctuary

Other services TBA

9:00am

September – May

Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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**CHURCH SCHOOL**

Zachary and Melissa Baker

**VESTRY**

**Senior Warden:** James Pompa, Jr. (\*25)

**Junior Warden:** Deborah Fry (\*26)

Rose Douglas (\*25)

Karen Gasker (\*28)

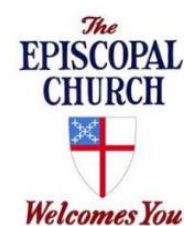
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**Clerk of the Vestry**

Sue Urban

**Treasurer**

Bill Diehm



# St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

## Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### The Second Sunday After Christmas

#### 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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