

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.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**THE FRACTION**

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

*People:* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

**THE COMMUNION**

*All who seek Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**THE COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 only)**

*Hymn 510, Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

Do not fear, for God has redeemed you; God has called you by name and you belong to God.

Do not fear, for Christ is with you, and you are God’s child, beloved, precious in God’s sight and honored.

Do not fear, for the heavens have opened and you have been baptized with Holy Spirit and fire so that nothing may overwhelm or consume you.

And the blessing of our generous God, the one, holy and undivided Trinity be with you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN (10:30 am only)**

*Hymn 135, Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, Verses 1, 2, and 4.*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider:* Let us go forth to bless and serve God’s world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Majestic Recessional in C Major*

Dene Thomas, organ  
Robert Hughes



**THE PRELUDE**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Arranged by Hal H. Hopson

Dene Thomas, organ

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ENTRANCE HYMN (10:30 am only)**

*Hymn 76, On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry, Verses 1, 2, and 5.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

BCP 355

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

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

**SONG OF PRAISE (sung at 10:30 only)**

*Hymn S 280, Glory to God, Gloria in excelsis*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**THE LESSONS**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 43:1-7 Reenie Neal (8:00 am), Nancy Carr (10:30 am)

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE Psalm 29**

*Afferte Domino*

*Recited responsively by whole verse.*

**1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

**January 9, 2022, 8:00 am and 10:30 am (music)**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

*According to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

People say or sing words in **bold type.**

BCP is the red *Book of Common Prayer*  
Hymn # or S # is in the blue *The Hymnal 1982*

**3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

**5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

**7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \* the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.**

**9 And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, “Glory!”**

**10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

**11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT READING**

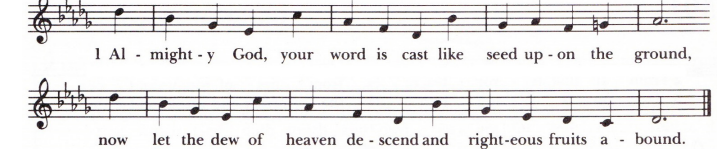
Acts 8:14-17 Reenie Neal (8:00 am), Gordon Thomas (10:30 am)

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**MUSIC AT THE GOSPEL (10:30 only)**

*Hymn 580 Almighty God Your Word Is Cast Verse 1*



Words: John Cawood (1775-1852), alt.  
Music: Walden, Jane Manton Marshall (b. 1924)

**THE GOSPEL**

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

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

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Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Rev. Dcn. Jim Atkins

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Debbie Shew

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Litanists: Reenie Neal (8:00 am), Steve Bisbee (10:30 am)

*Deacon:* You have baptized your Church with the Holy Spirit and fire, O Heavenly One; you have called us by name and we are yours: Hear our prayers on behalf of your whole creation, and let your creative power go forth, as we pray: God shall give strength to the people; God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

*Litanist:* Our Gracious God, you have declared that we are precious in your sight and honored, and you have given to your Church the anointing of the Holy Spirit: Grant that we may faithfully uphold our baptismal vows and share in the reconciling work of Christ.

God shall give strength to the people;

**God shall give the people the blessing of peace.**

*Litanist:* Your voice, O God, is a powerful voice which splits the flames of fire and shakes the wilderness: Guide the leaders of our nation and all in authority with your power and wisdom, that they may serve your purpose of compassion for all.

God shall give strength to the people;

**God shall give the people the blessing of peace.**

You are the Creator of all humankind: Redeem those who are threatened by waters or fire, by terrors or threat, by exile or confinement; bring your sons from far away and your daughters from the ends of the earth.

God shall give strength to the people;

**God shall give the people the blessing of peace.**

Your creative grace is present throughout this community: Bless our neighbors and region that we may serve one another in the beauty of holiness.

God shall give strength to the people;

**God shall give the people the blessing of peace.**

You have formed every human being for your glory: Hear our intercessions on behalf of your children, especially \_\_\_\_.

In your temple we praise your glory and give you thanks, especially for \_\_\_\_.

You gather your offspring from all directions and call them by name; receive into your heavenly glory those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_.

God shall give strength to the people;

**God shall give the people the blessing of peace.**

*Celebrant:* We are always confident, O Gracious God, whether we are at home or away, for our life is hidden in you. Nourish our growth in you that we may become mature and fruitful disciples producing an abundant harvest for the sake of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reign, one God, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

*Deacon:* Let us confess to God our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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**

Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS (sung at 10:30 only)**

*Hymn S 280*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then 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 be 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;

**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

*Celebrant:* The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

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

## THE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants in the journey of their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WELCOME VISITORS

*We are honored by your presence. Please fill out the "Welcome, Guests!" card, and place it in the offering plate where you signed in. Following the service, please join us on the front lawn for conversation and fellowship. We look forward to getting to know you!*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

#### THE OFFERTORY

*Oh, Love, How Deep - Deo gracias*

Setting by Rurth Mackie

Dene Thomas, organ

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### 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 God 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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and

**Lessons and Gospel for January 9, 2022**  
**The First Sunday after the Epiphany - The Baptism of our Lord**

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**The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7**

Thus says the Lord,  
    he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be  
    with you;  
    and through the rivers, they shall not  
    overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be  
    burned,  
    and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
    Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
    and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
    nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your offspring from the east,  
    and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
    and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
    and my daughters from the end of the  
    earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made."

**The New Testament: Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH PRAYER LIST

WELCOME to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church!

We’re especially glad to welcome you if you are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. If that’s the case please fill out a “Welcome Visitor” card, found at the usher station where you signed in this morning. We look forward to greeting you more fully after the service!

- SAVE THE DATE! January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

St. Mark’s Annual Parish Meeting will be held online, via Zoom on Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>. We’ll have one service at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 1:00 pm, to give everyone a chance to get home and grab a bite to eat before we get started!

- DEVASTATING FIRES IN BOULDER COUNTY: HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Marshall and Middle Fork Fires tore through Boulder County on Thursday, December 30, 2021, burning over 990 homes in Louisville, Superior, and unincorporated portions of Boulder County. Entire subdivisions were lost and more than 6,000 acres were burned. Our siblings in Christ in Boulder County are suffering after experiencing one of the most devastating fires in the history of Colorado. None of our churches in the Episcopal Church in Colorado were lost, however, many parishioners from multiple congregations have lost their homes. We grieve for the loss of homes and businesses, animal life, plants and trees, and the scarring of the earth. We pray for the two persons who are still missing. Donate at <https://onrealm.org/coloradiocese/-/form/give/fire>

- EPIPHANY - A NEW CHURCH SEASON OF LIGHT!

Join us in the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m. **Today January 9** for an exploration of this major church holiday and the opportunities it offers for spiritual insight.

- GOOD BOOK CLUB – BIBLE STUDY DURING EPIPHANY

Join Episcopalians across the world in reading the first 20 chapters of Exodus January 6 – March 1. Help support your New Year’s resolution to get back to regular reading and studying the Bible.

**What is the Good Book Club?**

The Good Book Club offers a—free—church-wide invitation to join in reading part of the Book of Exodus during Epiphany 2022. Episcopalians will read a section every day through the Epiphany season and have access to other resources for deeper study. Find out more at <https://www.goodbookclub.org/>

- KYLE UPDATES

Many thanks to the many who have visited and yet will visit our Minister of Music, Kyle Osborne, in ICU at Mercy. If you want to receive daily updates with notes from his many friends who are praying for him around the country, consider signing up on his Caring Bridge site: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kyleosborne2>

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**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**For Healing & Strength:**

GINNA, Linda, Suzanne, Kyle, Mary, Annie, Gayle, Ludwig, Albert

**For those in the Armed Forces, Civil Service, on Missions:**

Erik, Justin, Jill

**For Travelers:**

**For those who have Died:**

Bart, Noda, Bob, Amy, Desmond Tutu

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Sue & Jim

Jon, Ruth, Kelli, Justin, Barb, Steve, Joyce, Amy, Ann, Wendy, Elizabeth, George

**For others who have asked our prayers:**

All those impacted by COVID-19

All those impacted by the Marshall Fire in Boulder County

At +Bp. Kym's request, pray especially for our sister parishes who have many members who are affected, and who will be doing ongoing work to support the recovery efforts:

St. Ambrose Boulder, St. Mary Magdalene Boulder, St. Aidan's Boulder,  
St. John's Boulder, and Holy Comforter Broomfield.