

ST. MARK'S
CHURCH
IN-THE-BOWERY

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021, 11:00am

WELCOME

The Church will always be the people, the followers of Jesus who gather in community – whether it is in a physical building, or virtually online.

We gather as Christians to worship, work, pray and give to promote justice, peace, and love. This is the calling for us to live our faith together.

We are so pleased that you have joined us today. You are most welcome here. God loves everyone, no exceptions, as we genuinely celebrate the diversity and beauty of God's creation.

We hope that you can easily follow and join in our service. But most of all, we hope that you can simply relax and be present with us.

To learn more about St. Mark's, please sign up for our weekly Newsletter online on our website at www.stmarksbowery.org.

We are so happy that you're here! Welcome!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

Ana Hernandez

*The Rev.
Anne Sawyer,
Celebrant*

John 4:24

OPENING SENTENCE

Priest God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

CONFESSION

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

OPENING VERSICLE

Priest O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all day long.**

DOXOLOGY

People **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

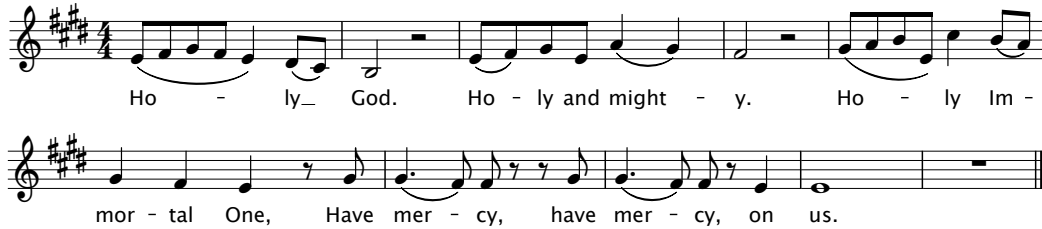
ANTIPHON

Priest Christ has shown forth his glory: O come let us worship.

TRISAGIAN

Led by Jeannine Otis & Larry Marshall

Fernando Ortego



Ho - ly - God. Ho - ly and might - y. Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

ANTIPHON

Priest Christ has shown forth his glory: O come let us worship.

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JONAH [3:1-5,10].

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God, they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 62:6-14

Led by Larry Marshall & Jeannine Otis

Kristopher Lindquist



We are the Light of the world, Light no darkness ov - er - comes
We are the Light, the Light of the world. Light no darkness ov - er - comes.

**Wait, my soul, silent for God,
for God alone, my hope,
alone my rock, my safety,
my refuge: I stand secure.**

**God is my glory and safety,
my stronghold, my haven.
People, give your hearts to God,
trust always! God is our haven.**

**Mortals are but a breath,
nothing more than a mirage;
set them on the scales,
they prove lighter than mist.**

**Avoid extortion and fraud,
the hopes they breed are nothing;
and if you should grow rich,
place no trust in wealth.**

**Time and again God said,
“Strength and love
are mine to give.”
The Lord repays us all
in light of what we do.**

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MARK [1:14–20].

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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GOSPEL HYMN

Led by Dorian Lake



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Anne Sawyer, Preacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Priest Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Led by Ana Hernandez

All shall be well, all manner of things shall be well
All shall be well, all manner of things shall be well
Another world is not only possible, she is on her way.
On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing, she is on her way.

Julian of Norwich

THE PRAYERS

Priest Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Leader You who by the leading of a star, guided the Magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, lead us to the light of revelation, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our sisters and brothers.

Leader Christ, be our light
People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Leader Christ, be our light
People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Leader Christ, be our light
People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Leader Christ, be our light
People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

Leader Christ, be our light
People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering especially Eddie, Avon, Elsa, Kristin, Fabiana, Stacy, Virginia, Peter, Beatriz, Katie, John and Stacy, Rosemary, Isa, Richard, Chickie, Harald, Roberto, Zakaria, William, Linda, Kimsoon, Stephen, Bill, Dan, Martha, Frankie, Jane, Suzanne, Lynn, Carmen, the Perez family, Marcy, Ted, Hallie, Rose, Jimmy, Victor, John, Donna, Lall and Sarah. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Leader Christ, be our light
People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife [especially Ronald, Ruth, Armelia, Anthony, Joyce, Kris, Ethel, Phil, Isabel, Jack, Dan, David, Bob, Miguel, Bill, Gideon, Judy, Diane, Maria, Joe, Peter and Linda. Shine the light of hope.

Leader Christ, be our light
People **Shine in our hearts.**

Leader You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Leader Christ, be our light
People **Shine in our hearts.**

Priest May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. Amen.

People **God of truth, we acknowledge the pervasive presence of racism in our country's origins, in our institutions and politics, in our diocese and its churches, and in our hearts. Some of us are much too familiar with racism's many violent aggressions. Others of us, particularly White Americans, have at times chosen the false comfort of ignorance over the cost and freedom of truth. For this willful disregard and the harm it has caused, we repent. For the many ways—social, economic, and political—that white supremacy has accrued benefits to some of us at the expense of others, we repent. For the ways that racist ideology has bled into all our hearts and corrupted our**

*Emilee Walker-
Cornetta*

minds, we repent. Grant us courage to pursue your truth and be found by it, to listen and be heard, and to respond ever more faithfully to your call to justice.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

“Prayer for Humankind” by The Rev. Dr. Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook, from Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Antiracism Training Manual

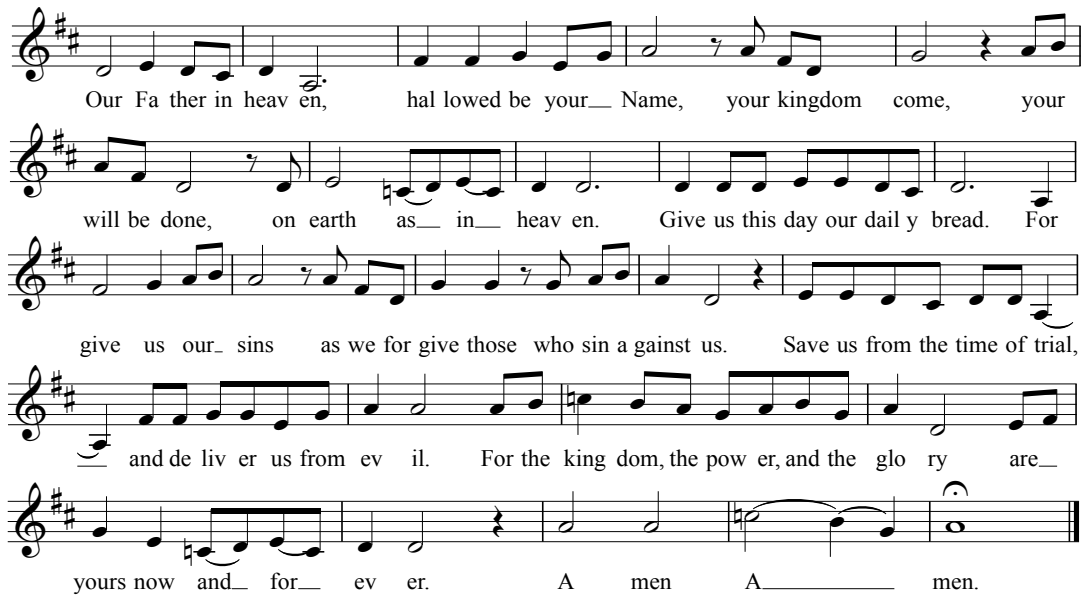
Priest God of all humanity, You call us to bring about healing and wholeness for the whole world – for women and men of all races and cultures and creeds. Help us to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice and broken relationships. Remind us that differences are a gift, and interdependence a strength from the same creative God. Strengthen us to resist the forces that encourage polarization and competition rather than understanding and cooperation. We know that your reign is not built on injustice and oppression, but on the transformation of hearts – new life, not just reordered life. Teach us forgiveness, O God. Bring us reconciliation. Give us hope for the future. We pray in Jesus’ love. Amen

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR MILESTONES

Priest Watch over your children, O God, 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 when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Priest God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us sing.

Led by Michelle Della Fave



Our Fa ther in heav en, hal lowed be your_ Name, your kingdom come, your
will be done, on earth as_ in_ heav en. Give us this day our dail y bread. For
give us our_ sins as we for give those who sin a gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de liv er us from ev il. For the king dom, the pow er, and the glo ry are_
yours now and_ for_ ev er. A men A_____ men.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Priest Summoning God,
 inviting us to see
 what we find so hard to notice –
 the blinkers we wear,
 the lies we accept:
 as we are held in your gaze,
 may our faith awaken
 to see your kingdom growing
 and heaven open wide;
 through Jesus Christ, son of Joseph.
 Amen.

*Steven
Shakespeare*

THE BLESSING

Priest May Christ, who draws the nations to himself,
 teach us to love our enemies;
 May Christ, who enters the water of baptism,
 lead us to die to all but love;
 May Christ, who gives new wine for the world,
 turn our bitterness into joy;
 And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
 be with you this day and forevermore.

DISMISSAL HYMN

Led by Ana Hernandez

Love take a walk with me,
love take a walk with me,
love take a walk with me,
O spirit guide my feet.

Friends take a walk with me,
Friends take a walk with me,
Friends take a walk with me,
O spirit guide my feet.

Hope take a walk with me,
Hope take a walk with me,
Hope take a walk with me,
O spirit guide my feet.

Grief take a walk with me,
Grief take a walk with me,
Grief take a walk with me,
O spirit guide my feet.

Faith take a walk with me,
Faith take a walk with me,
Faith take a walk with me,
O spirit guide my feet.

Freedom take a walk with me,
Freedom take a walk with me,
Freedom take a walk with me,
O spirit guide my feet.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Ephesians 3:20, 21

Priest Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Welcome to St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York

St. Mark's is an Episcopal Church on the Lower East Side of Manhattan with a diverse and inclusive community. We are committed to expressing God's love through worship, community service, social justice activism, and celebration of the arts. Our congregation practices radical welcome, accepting all who wish to experience God as part of a loving and active community. Wherever you are in your religious or spiritual journey, we invite you to join us as we work to live out God's love in the world.

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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday service online at 11:00 AM

Virtual Night Prayer, Mon-Fri at 9:00 PM