

ST. MARK'S
CHURCH
IN-THE-BOWERY

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 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!

Allan Stephenson

The Rev.
Anne Sawyer,
Celebrant

John 4:24

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

“South African Alleluia”
Rufus Müller

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.**

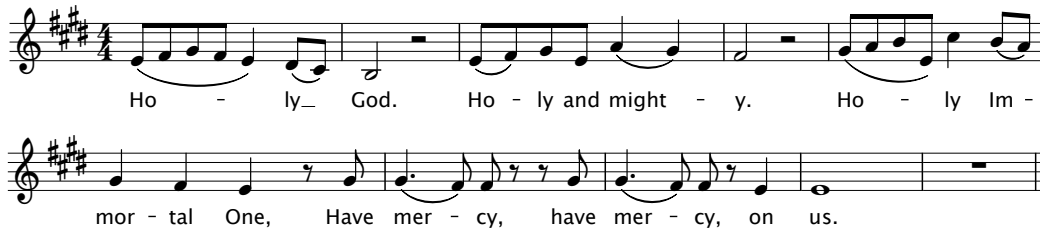
ANTIPHON

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

TRISAGIAN

Led by Michelle Della Fave

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 SECOND BOOK OF KINGS [2:1-12].

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you

see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-6

Led by Larry Marshall, Jeannine Otis & Bim Straberg

*Kristopher
Lindquist*

Two staves of musical notation in G major and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Led by Thomas Walker

**The Lord, greater than all gods,
summons the earth
from east to west,
makes light shine from Zion,
beauty beyond compare.**

**“Gather the faithful
who seal my covenant
with sacrifice.”
The heavens will testify
that God, our judge, is just.**

**The Lord will not be silent
but comes in fire and storm
to summon earth and heaven
as witness to our trial:**

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MARK [9:2-9].

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed

them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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GOSPEL HYMN

Led by Michelle Della Fave

Robert Lowry &
Doris Plenn

1 My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's la - men - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sa - vior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain e - ver spring - ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.

Since Christ is Lord of hea-ven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

THE SERMON

Dr. John
Thatamanil,
Preacher


ANNOUNCEMENTS

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


OFFERTORY HYMN

Led by Larry Marshall


James Weldon
Johnson &
J. Rosamond
Johnson




1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent




1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the



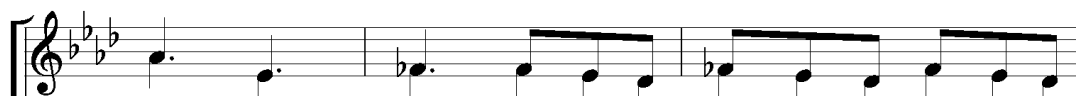
1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the




1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea
2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.




1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;



1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

THE PRAYERS

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

Isaiah 60:1

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, Carmen, the Perez family, Marcy, Ted, Hallie, Rose, Jimmy, Victor, John, Donna, Lall, Sarah, Barbara, David, Toni, Louis, Gregory, Luis, Bill, Clyde, Lorna, Naomi and Preston. 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 Miguel, Bill, Gideon, Judy, Diane, Maria, Joe, Peter, Linda, Lynn, Marcia, Kinjie, Douglass, Mary, Carole, Marla and David. 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 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.**

*Emilee Walker-
Cornetta*

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

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

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

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 Jeannine Otis & Larry Marshall



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.

*Steven
Shakespeare*

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.

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 Dorian Lake

Doris Akers

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, And I
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you
 (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, Now you're

1. know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. There are
 2. know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve. You're the
 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, you can

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, And I
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, "I am
 3. make it right if you will yield; You'll en -

1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in
 praise; With - out a doubt we'll know that we have
 been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are
 3. If you place.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

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.

Ephesians 3:20, 21

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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Class of 2023

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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday service online at 11:00 AM

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