

# **Morning Prayer**

## **Rite I**



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Johnstown, PA**

**January 25, 2026**

## Hymn #304      I come with joy to meet my Lord

I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

### Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant and People together, kneeling or standing

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Leader:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and  
remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of  
life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader            O Lord, open thou our lips.  
People            *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

### Leader and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Venite**   *Psalm 95:1-7*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
    let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
    and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
    and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the corners of the earth, \*  
    and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it, \*  
    and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
    and we are the people of his pasture  
    and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
    let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
    and with righteousness to judge the world  
    and the peoples with his truth.

## Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
    whom then shall I fear? \*

    the LORD is the strength of my life;  
    of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
    one thing I seek; \*  
    that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of  
    my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
    and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
    \*  
    he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
    and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
    above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
    with sounds of great gladness; \*  
    I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
    have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
    Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
    nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;  
    cast me not away; \*  
    do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

## The Old Testament: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God*

## Benedictus es, Domine

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
    praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
    praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
    praised and exalted above all for ever.

### **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Hymn # 661      They cast their nests in Galilee**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Matthew

**The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee  
of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of  
death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of the Lord  
*People: Thanks be to God*

## **Homily**

### **The Apostles Creed**

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
believe *in* Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
And was born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring  
offerings and come into his courts.

### **Anthem**

### **Organist and Choir**

### **The Doxology**

### **The Prayers**

**BCP 54**

The Lord's Prayer

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Hymn #530      Spread, O spread, thy mighty word**

**The General Thanksgiving**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Let us bless the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

**Hymn #707      Take my life, and let it be**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of god, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

### **Remember Today In Your Prayers:**

Cynthia Frank, Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Keith Hipp, and Ardean Kreasko.

### **Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:**

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bill & Doris Horner, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer.

### **Flowers and Candles**

There are many openings or Flowers and Candles during the year. To remember your loves ones or to celebrate a Birthday or an Anniversary.

A vase of Flowers is \$30 which you can take home after the service. A 7 Day Candle is \$8.00.

### **Chicken & Biscuit Dinner**

Mark your calendar for February 21<sup>st</sup> which is our annual “Take Out” Chicken & Biscuit Dinner. We are always in need of volunteers.

## **Readers and Greeters — January-February 2025**

If you are unable to read or usher on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know.

### **Sunday Readers**

January 25	MP	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Colleen Curry
February 1	HE	Richard Burkert & Donna Carosi
February 8	MP	Doug Zawiskie & Pam Hysong
February 15	HE	Joann Lacko & Lisa Bell-Loncella
February 22	MP	Donna Carosi & Colleen Curry

### **Sunday Greeters**

January 25	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
February 1	Sam & Heidi Buchan
February 8	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
February 15	Amy & Penn Whitlow
February 22	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko

### **Sunday: The Third After the Epiphany**

Sunday     Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>     10:00 am     Morning Prayer I

### **Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany**

Sunday     Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>     10:00 am     Holy Eucharist II

## **The Third Sunday After The Epiphany**

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Brentwood,  
and the Rev. Charles Esposito

### **Alter Flowers Given To The Greater Glory of God**

In Loving Memory of  
Alfred W. Barratt, Jr.  
Perpetual Flowers

### **Next Week's Readings**

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through  
transformational worship and service*