

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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who has made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit has made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord; to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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.*

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

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: 135 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

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: 410 PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

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 I From the Book of Common Prayer

Intercessor: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, especially- Trinity, Bethlehem; and Retired Clergy, from the Diocese of Bethlehem and St. Joseph Lire and Andejo Parishes, Kajo Keji -let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania,, -and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially- Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Dale, Brent, Mae, Curt, Mary, Lynette, Thomas, Linda, Susan, Erin, Luan, Nick, Joanne, Bob, Sally, Jesse, Steve, and Frieda - let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, remembering especially-Billie Jean & James Catrini, for in whose memory today's bulletins, communion cups and flowers which grace God's altar have been sponsored- let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. Mark and St. John- and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To thee, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of *your* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *your* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

St. Mark & St. John Episcopal Church
February 23rd, 2025
The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
The Rev. Timothy Griffin
Mr. Kris Hartenstine, Director of Music

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn: 390 PRAISE TO THE LORD

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 Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons (see insert)

Gradual Hymn 460 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS! (vs 1-3) (vs 4-5)

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. The 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.

Sponsorships

Altar Flowers, Communion Cups and Bulletins: In Loving Memory of Billie Sue and James Catrini by Jonna Li Catrini

LAY READER SCHEDULE

Date	Reading	9:00 AM	
February 23	VII Epiphany	Deb Fry	Diane Lager

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
February 23	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

Congratulations to our newly elected Vestry Members: Jonna Li Catrini, Robert Muscovitch, Michael Leonetti, and Sam Strohl, lead by newly appointed wardens: Deb Fry as Senior Warden and Karen Gasker, Junior Warden. Also- Jonna Li Catrini is the parish delegate for the 2025 Diocesan Convention, Sam Strohl is the Alternate.

LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2nd Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service

CHOIR REHEARSAL: The choir will rehearse immediately after the 9am services. New members are welcome.

Lay Readers Needed! Please consider becoming a Lay Reader- those interested are asked to contact Bill Diehm - bmdiehm@ptd.net or contact the parish office.

Volunteers Needed! The Cold Weather Station located at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 119 S. Third Street in Leighton needs volunteers for meals and overnight chaperones. For schedule and information please email at: cwsleighton@gmail.com

TITHING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK – UP AND ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE MAIN SANCTUARY – PLEASE NOTE- YOUR NUMBER MAY HAVE CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 6:30PM MARCH 5TH- SERVICES WITH COMMUNION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Blessing Box- Items most needed: Ramen noodles, Canned fruit (snap open can preferable) Individual container breakfast cereal, Boxed milk, Feminine products, Small toothpaste, Small toiletry items

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

**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

STAFF

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CHURCH SCHOOL

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VESTRY

Senior Warden: Deborah Fry (*26)
Junior Warden: Karen Gasker (*28)
Sue Ellen Andreas (*27)
Jonna Li Catrini (*28)
Michael Leonetti (*28)
Sam Strohl (*28)
Robert Muscovitch (*28)

Clerk of the Vestry

Sue Urban

Treasurer

Bill Diehm



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

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025

The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

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.



But I say unto you which hear,
Love your enemies, do good to
them which hate you, bless them
that curse you, and pray for
them which despitefully use you.

Luke 6:27-28 KJV



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