February 16, 2020
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
7:45 and 11 AM Holy Eucharist
In the Historic Church

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Lappans
Founded 1849

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Welcome to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

We are glad you are here and hope you will return! Please make yourself at home and if you need anything, just ask and someone will be glad to assist you. Don’t be surprised if folks around you introduce themselves to you! Please introduce yourself to those around you and the clergy after the service.

Restrooms for the Church are located in the Fellowship Center.

All baptized persons of any age are welcome to receive communion at our services. If you or a family member are not baptized and would like to know more about joining the Church and making a commitment to the Christian way of life, speak to the clergy or call the Church office. Holy Baptism is the initiation by which we become members of Christ’s body, the Church, and are invited to grow in love for God and service to others, supported by a spiritual family.

St. Mark’s was founded and the historic Church was built in 1849. The students and faculty of nearby St. James School built the church as a missionary effort and it was used as a hospital following the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg. The balcony in the historic church was restored in 2014 as a place of prayer and pilgrimage to honor the lives of our nineteenth century African American members, both slave and free. The Fellowship Center was completed in 2011 and hosts worship and gatherings for the community. St. Mark’s is part of the Diocese of Maryland, a member of the Episcopal Church and the world-wide Anglican Communion—those Churches born out of the Church of England. Of the world’s 2.2 billion Christians, we are the third largest body.

We provide gluten–free wafers and wine.

Please inform the priest of your preference when you come forward for communion.

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The Rev. Virginia Carr, Priest-in-Charge
W. Kirk Denton, Organist/Choirmaster
Cindy Nelson, Parish Administrator
Dr. Trudie Holder, Business Manager

Internet WiFi Password – StMarks#1

Be sure to call the church office if you or a loved one is in the hospital or in need of a visit.

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for your gifts and donations to St. Mark’s, or text “stmserves” to 77977 for mobile phone link.
7:45 THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
The service is found in the black Book of Common Prayer (BCP), beginning on page 323.

As the ministers enter, the people stand as they are able

The Opening Acclamation  
Book of Common Prayer, page 323

The Collect for Purity

The Gloria

The Collect of the Day

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Service Booklet, page 5
The Psalm: 119:1-8  
Service Booklet, page 6
The Epistle: I Corinthians 3:1-9  
Service Booklet, page 6

Please stand and face toward the reader

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37  
Service Booklet, page 7

The people sit for the Sermon

The Rev. Virginia Carr, Priest-in-Charge

The people stand to affirm the Christian Faith

The Nicene Creed  
BCP, page 326

The people kneel for the Prayers and Confession

The Prayers of the People  
BCP, page 328

The Confession  
BCP, page 331

The Absolution and Comfortable Words

The Peace (all stand)  
BCP, page 332

THE LITURGY OF OUR GOODS

Our Tithes and Offerings  
what we owe back to God of our money
THE LITURGY OF CHRIST’S PRESENCE

The Great Thanksgiving

The Post Communion Prayer (said kneeling)

BCP, page 333

BCP, page 339

Announcements

The Dismissal

People

Thanks be to God!

Celebrant: The Rev. Virginia Carr, Priest-in-Charge
Usher: Linda Kearns
Chalicist & Acolyte: Harry Nogle
Lector: Marge Vorous
11:00 THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
The service begins on page 355 in the black Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
Hymns are in the red Hymnal; those listed with an “S” are in the front portion.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE Prelude on “Malabar” Leo Sowerby

As the ministers enter, the people stand as they are able

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 635 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Collect for Purity

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-280 Glory to God in the Highest

The Collect of the Day
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

The people sit for the lessons and Psalm

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!
The Psalm: 119:1-8

(chanted by the choir at 11 AM)
1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
   who walk in the law of the Lord!
2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
   and seek him with all their hearts!
   3 Who never do any wrong, *
      but always walk in his ways.
4 You laid down your commandments, *
   that we should fully keep them.
5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
   that I might keep your statutes!
6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
   when I regard all your commandments.
7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
   when I have learned your righteous judgments.
8 I will keep your statutes; *
   do not utterly forsake me.

The Epistle: I Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

The Word of the Lord!  Thanks be to God!

SEQUENCE HYMN 674  Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive
The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 5:21-37

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

7:45 – Glory be to thee, O Lord!  11:00 - Glory to you, Lord Christ!

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord!

7:45 – Praise be to thee, O Christ!  11:00 - Praise to you, Lord Christ!

The people sit for the Sermon
The Sermon

The Rev. Virginia Carr, Priest-in-Charge

The people stand to affirm the Christian Faith

The Nicene Creed (said by all)  
BCP, page 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI with Confession  
BCP, page 392

The Peace  
Please stand as you are able. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  “The Beatitudes”  
Austin C. Lovelace  
(Matthew 5)

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the refrains.

Show us your ways,  O Lord, and grant us your blessings.

1)  Blest are the pure in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
   Blest are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.  
   Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (Refrain)

2)  Blest are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.  
   Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. (Refrain)

3)  Blest are the pure heart: for they shall see God.  
   Blest are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.  
   Blest are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
   (Refrain)
PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3)  
Doxology
The people stand as the gifts are presented at the Altar

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer C
THE SANCTUS S-130
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread
Silence is kept for a brief period of time
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM S-164
Jesus, Lamb of God

The Communion of the People
COMMUNION MEDITATION “Children of the Heavenly Father” Robert Elmore

The Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

RECESSIONAL HYMN 610 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

The Dismissal
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Blaenhafren” R. Cochrane Penick
(“We are Living, We are Dwelling”)

Celebrant: The Rev. Virginia Carr, Priest-in-Charge
Usher & Oblations: Mark Billadeau
Chalice & Acolyte: Angie Eyler
Lectors: Angie Eyler, Betsy DeVore
Organist/Choirmaster: W. Kirk Denton
Tellers: Ed Maloy, Jennie Slifer
Altar Guild: Kathy Anderson, Lin Clayberg, Jay Holmes,
Marion Northern, Lynda Smargiassi, Pam Troncatti,
Ida Valentine
The flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by W. Alexander & Janet Williams,  
in memory of Maude Anderson Williams.
Announcements for Sunday, February 16, 2020

Please submit your announcements to the church office by Wednesday at noon for inclusion in the Sunday bulletins by emailing them to administrator@stmarkslappans.org.
If you would like to receive these weekly announcements by e-mail, you may sign up at http://www.stmarkslappans.org/sign-up-for-weekly-e-pistle.html

TODAY, February 16, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- Kneeling stools continue to be available for purchase for utilization in Dorsey Hall in the Fellowship Center. If you would like to purchase one ($25 each) for the 9 o’clock service, please fill out an order form found on the literature table. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark’s (and indicate kneeling stool in the memo line); both can be placed in the offering plate.

- A friendly reminder to those with key-access to the Historic Church: Please remember to lock the Historic Church and set the security alarm when you leave. The front door was found ajar early this week, which means not only an invitation for possible vandalism but also other unwanted visitors, such as birds, squirrels (and snakes in summertime - - oh yes, they are around!). It remained locked last Sunday, since there was only one service in the Fellowship Center. Please take extra caution in being a responsible steward of our historic as well as sacred dwelling.

THIS WEEK

- The Altar Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 18 at 6 PM in Boyd Cook Conference Room.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 23, Last Sunday after Epiphany
COMING UP

- St. Mark’s will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25 at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. *Ashes to Go* will be available that morning from 7-10 AM in front of the Parish Hall.
- Ash Wednesday services are 11 AM and 7 PM – both in the Historic Church.
- Wednesday night “Soup-n-Supper” Lenten program begins on March 4 and continues through Holy Week. Supper is 5:30-6:30 PM in Dorsey Hall, followed by open discussion of the book “Laugh Your Way to Grace” by Susan Sparks. Supper will be kept simple with soup, bread and butter, and veggie trays. Watch for signup sheets soon.

SERVING OTHERS

- Please help to stock the shelves in our Micah’s Backpack pantry for the five (5) children St. Mark’s sponsors this year. February’s “food of the month” is lunch/dinner items, such as canned soups, Hormel “Completes”, canned pasta, and macaroni & cheese in individual size cups. Monetary donations are also accepted; please mark the memo line of your check accordingly. Many thanks to Ed & Laura Maloy, who facilitate this ongoing program at St. Mark’s, and to the faithful packing and delivery teams.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- The 8th annual HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope is Saturday, June 6. This year, St. Mark’s will host a hospitality stop at Dam #4 and will again offer Communion to Go. Flyers are available on the literature tables for more information.