

# Welcome to ST. MARK'S CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022 AT 8 & 10 AM

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

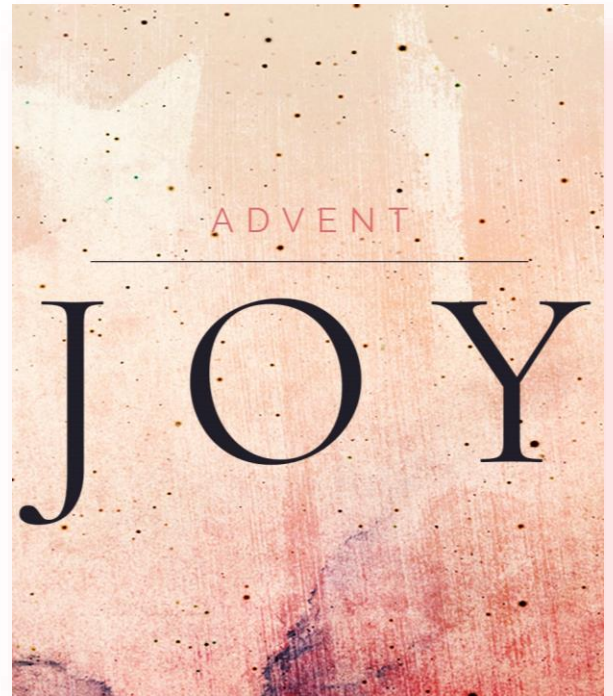
LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

\*--A Parishioner's Favorite Hymn Pick

Please silence all cell phones



## Notes on today's readings:

Welcome to St. Mark's Church. The Third Sunday of Advent again has as its central theme the ministry of John the Baptist. Jesus said of him, "Among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist...." In today's Gospel, John, who has been imprisoned by Herod Antipas, is facing death and wishes to know before he dies that he was correct in identifying Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus' reply is to quote from the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah, demonstrating that he is indeed fulfilling the Messiah's ministry as Isaiah had foretold. The Old Testament reading is the passage Jesus quotes in the Gospel reading. The sign of the Messiah is a new order of existence -- God's Kingdom -- in which health and salvation spring forth. The second reading is a call to patient waiting for the Lord to appear to inaugurate the Kingdom of God. The distinction between John and even the least in the Kingdom -- ourselves -- who are even greater, is that our birth is more than natural -- it is the new birth by water and the spirit in Holy Baptism, which has made us members of the Body of Christ. We are commissioned for ministry in Baptism; a ministry like that of Jesus. In Holy Eucharist, we affirm our commitment to that ministry to all people, which is the ongoing sign of Christ in the world.

# God's People Gather Together

Prelude

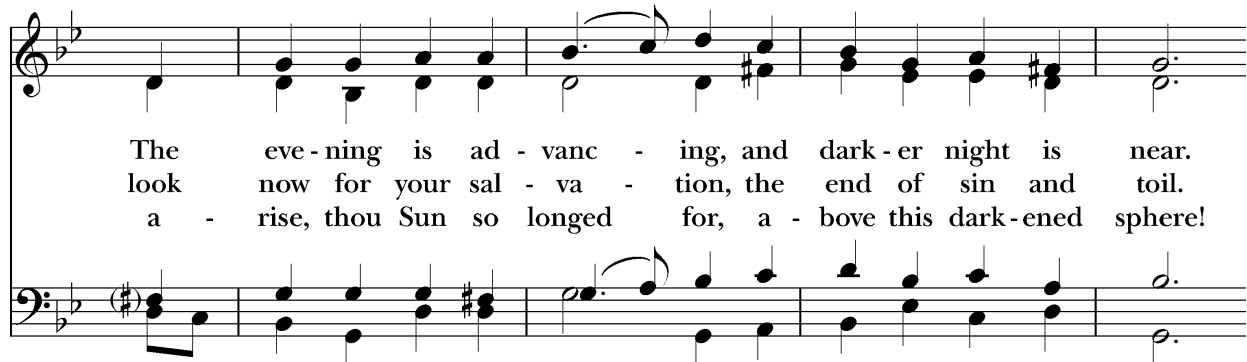
Processional Hymn

*Rejoice! Rejoice believers*

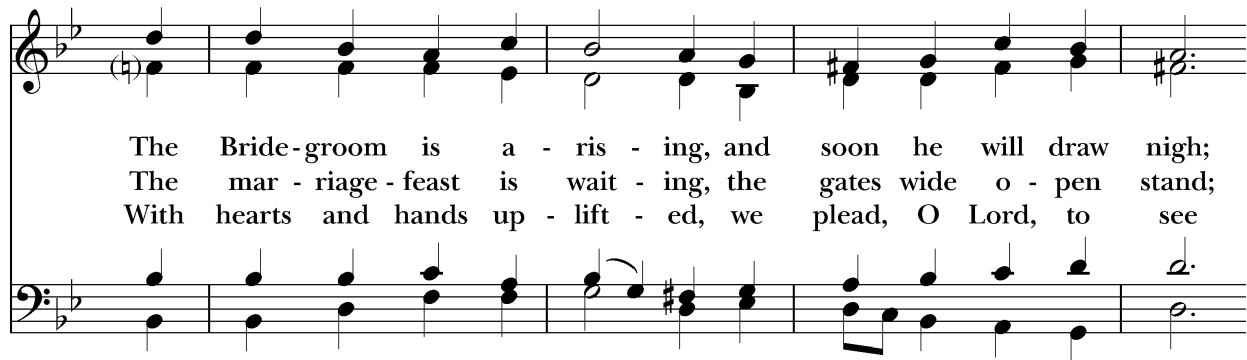
Hymnal 68



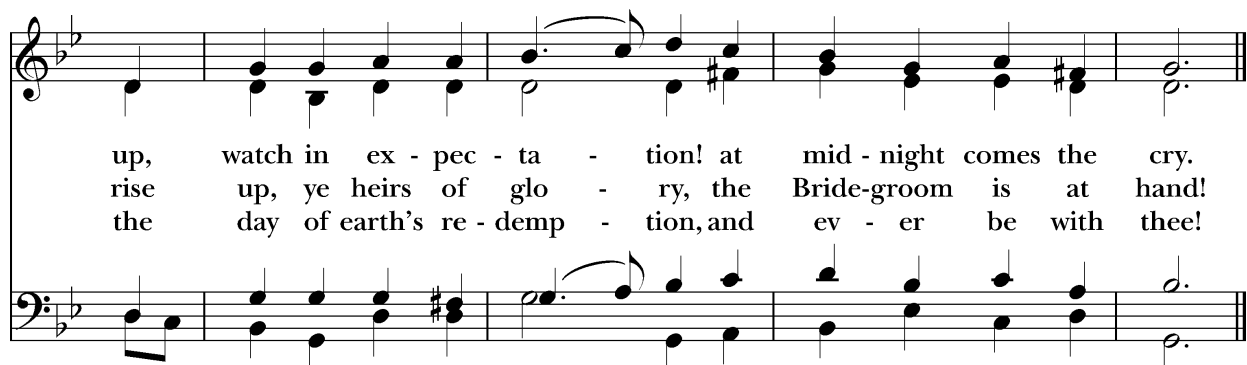
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant:* Today we light the first, second and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is **HOPE**, the second candle is **PEACE**, the third candle is **JOY**.

*Two blue candles and the rose candle are lit.*

*Scripture: "Isaiah 55:12" You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."*

## Prayer

Together, let us pray.

*Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.*

**Advent Wreath Hymn – Third Week of Advent** (Hymnal 101 Tune: Away In A Manger)

*A candle is burning, a candle of Joy; A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy. Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow. As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

*Celebrant* + Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* You come to your people and set them free.

## The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

**Trisagion** (At 8:00 a.m.)

*(Prayed three times)*

*Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,

Have mer - cy up - on us.

### The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

*The people sit.*

# The Word of God

## First Reading

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People      Thanks be to God*

## Canticle 15    The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

*(At the start, the Antiphon is first sung by the Choir, then by the congregation)*

My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord.

<sup>1</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
*for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

<sup>2</sup>From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
*the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. (Antiphon)*

<sup>3</sup>He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
*in every generation.*

<sup>4</sup>He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
*he has scattered the proud in their conceit. (Antiphon)*

<sup>5</sup>He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
*and has lifted up the lowly.*

<sup>6</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
*and the rich he has sent away empty. (Antiphon)*

<sup>7</sup>He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
*for he has remembered his promise of mercy,*

<sup>8</sup>The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
*to Abraham and his children forever. (Antiphon)*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

*On Jordan's bank*

Hymnal 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

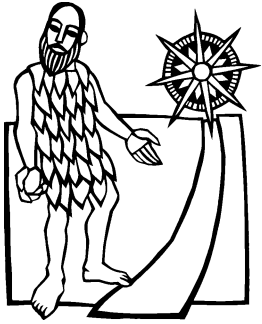
1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Reader      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People      *Glory to you, Lord Christ*



When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Reader      The Gospel of the Lord.  
People      *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Sermon

*+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.*

*The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.*

## 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

*Celebrant:*

As we wait with joy for the glory of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who opens the eyes of the blind and preaches good news to the poor, saying: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

*LEM:*

For the Church: that we may always proclaim to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear!" *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For this parish family, that we may wait patiently for the fulfillment of God's promise to us and rely on God's love in all things. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For an end to war and healing for the nations, that violence and bloodshed may cease, the innocent may be sheltered, terrorism ended, and peace be established in the hearts of all. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For government officials and leaders, that God's Spirit will guide their work, help them to recognize and speak the truth, and open them to new ways of addressing the issues of immigration, poverty, and violence. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For openness of heart, that we may recognize God in the prophets, experiences, and unexpected events of our lives. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For those everywhere who suffer from the power of nature, those whose lives are impacted by senseless violence, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially those on our prayer list. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* May they know the comforting and healing presence of God. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For those who have died. *(The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.)* May come to Zion singing for joy and gladness. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For ourselves in this Advent time of waiting, that we may be thankful for all the blessings we enjoy and seek ways to share them with others. *(The people may name their thanksgivings at this time.)* We give thanks this week for Ashley Lueck, Pamela Kern, Spencer & Trevor Moyle and Deborah Stonesifer who are celebrating their birthdays.

### For a Birthday

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Ashley, Pamela, Spencer, Trevor and Deborah as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Rosemary of Remembrance on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Kate Gabrielsen in loving memory of her sister Diane and by Jock McLean in Celebration of Ashley McLean's birthday and in memory of her mother, Marilyn G. McLean.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*



*All: O come, Son of David, hear our prayers this day, open our eyes to your presence and awaken our hearts to sing your praise, that we may announce in word and deed the good news of your reign. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Confession**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Absolution**

*The Priest 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.*

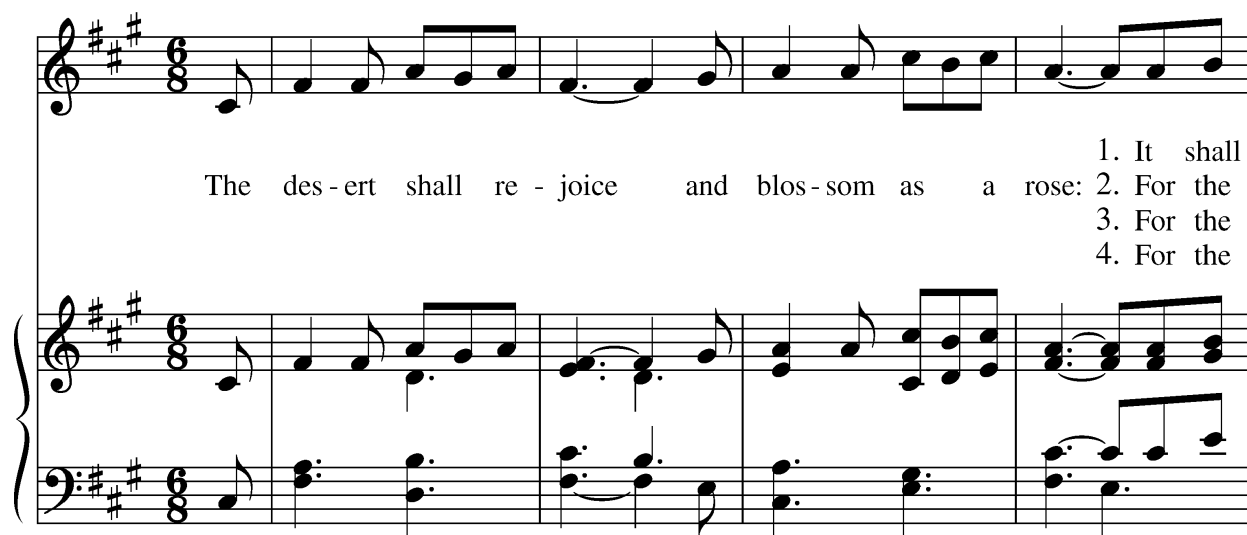
## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        *And also with you.*

## **Offertory Sentence**

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.  
*Hebrews 13:15, 16*





The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose:

1. It shall  
2. For the  
3. For the  
4. For the



blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.  
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.  
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.  
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
as the ransomed return to God  
and come singing back to Zion.

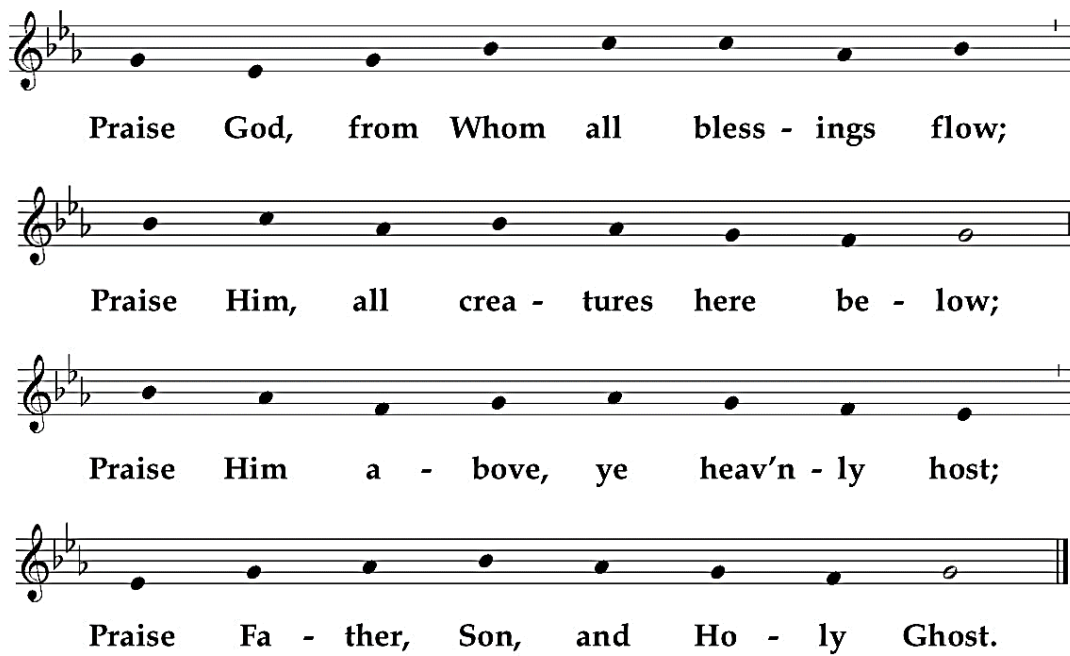
6. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
unto Zion we come with joy,  
for our God has come to save us.

## The Presentation of Gifts

(At 8:00 a.m.)

*All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we give thee. Amen.*

(At 10:00 a.m.)



Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

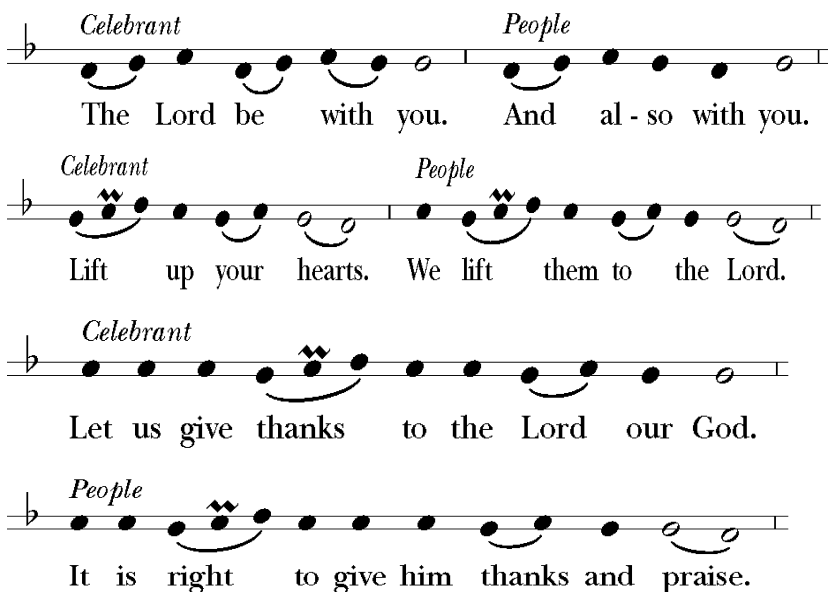
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Conditor alme siderum, plainsong Mode 4. Adapted by Fr. Chris Jubinski

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving**—*Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching our Worship, a supplement to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.*



*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

**Sanctus – (8:00 a.m.)**

*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.*

**Sanctus – (10:00 a.m.)**

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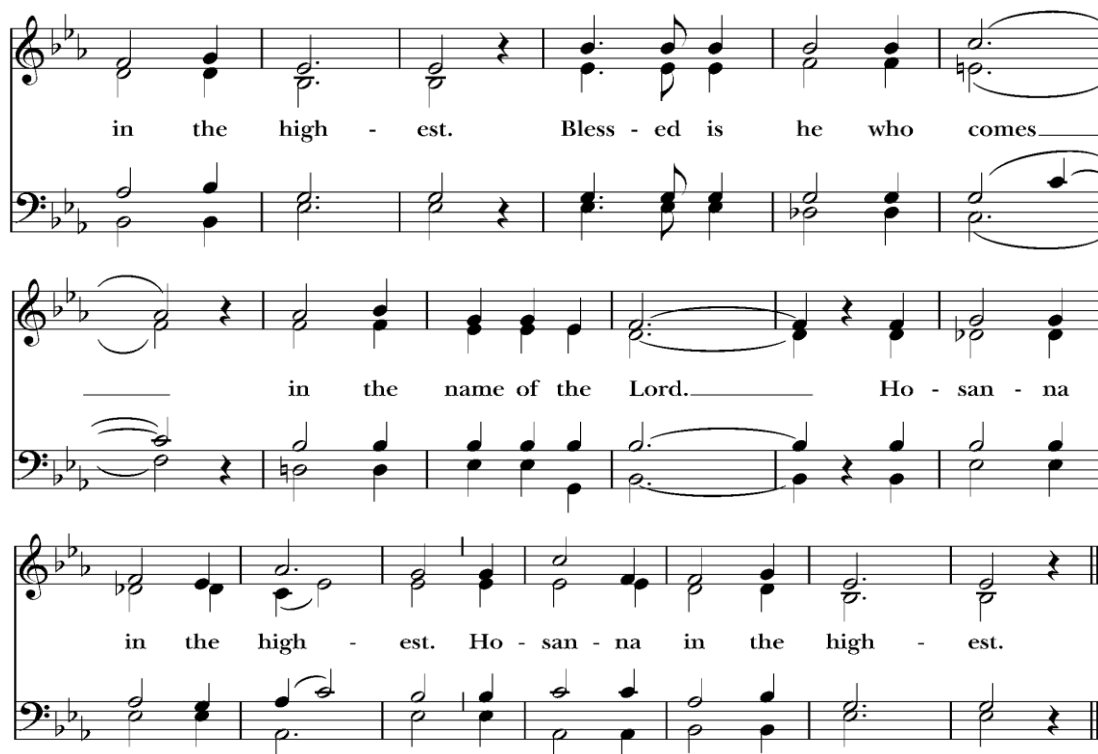
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na



*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, St. Mark, patron of this parish, St. Nicholas of Myra, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Savior taught us.

### *People and Celebrant*

*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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread--Agnus Dei

*(At 8:00 a.m.)*

*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.*

*(At 10:00 a.m.)*

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Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant* These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them, feed on them in your heart and be thankful. **Amen.**

**Communion Norms**--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "**Amen.**" If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest.

## Communion Hymn

*O Jesus, joy of loving hearts*

**Hymnal 649**

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste in you our liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life and our true light, we seek the peace your love im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your pres - ence we dis -  
 mo - ments calm and bright; oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts, and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.  
 head, our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.  
 cern, blest, when our faith can hold you fast.  
 way, shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

## The Post Communion Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

*We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.*

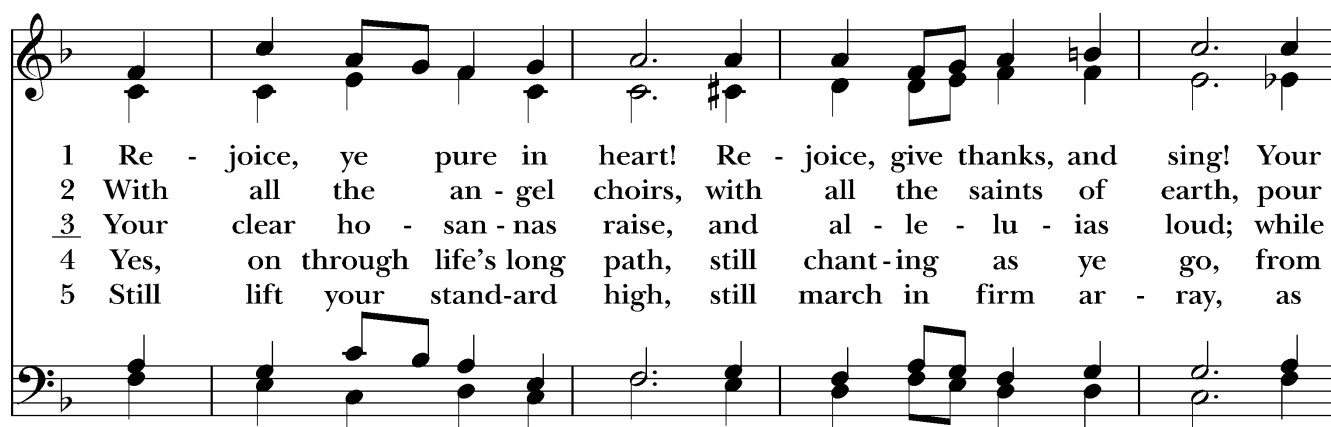
## The Blessing for the Third Sunday of Advent (Church of England)

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal. May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light. May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness; and the blessing of God Almighty: + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

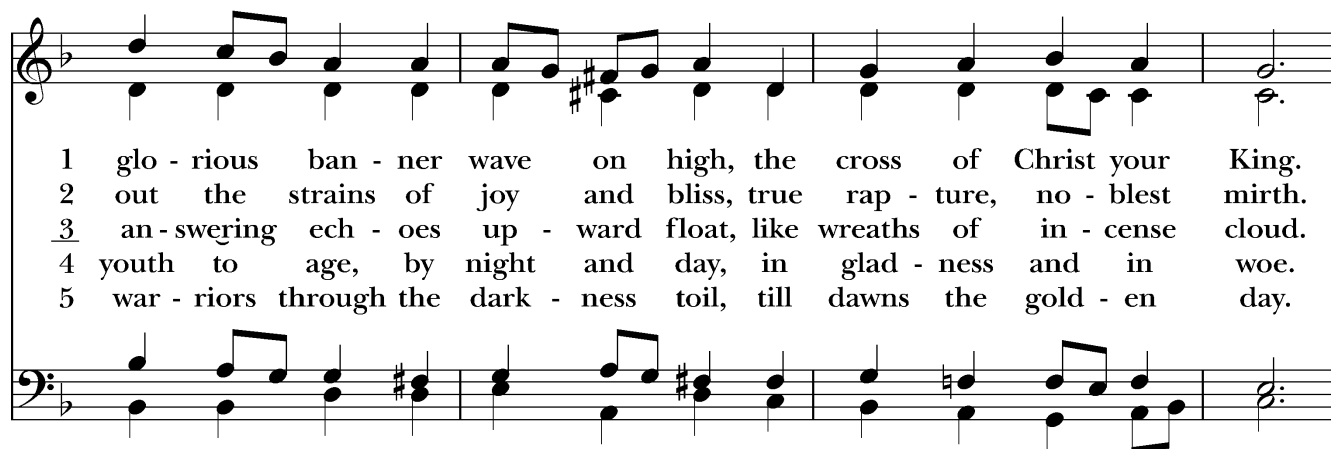
## The Announcements







1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
 re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
 Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Your glorious banner wave on high  
 the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

## The Dismissal for Advent

LEM As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

|                  |         |  |
|------------------|---------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | (12/12) | <b>Parish Office Closed</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | (12/13) | 12:00 p.m. Westhampton Women's Club Meeting  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | (12/14) | 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting in the Atwater Room   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | (12/15) | 10:00 a.m. Advent Book Study in the Rector's Office<br>11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Rector's Office<br>12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers Choir Practice in the Atwater Room<br>5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline in the Chapel<br>5:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Church |
| <b>Friday</b>    | (12/16) | 12:40 p.m. Staff Meeting & Christmas Party   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | (12/17) | 10:00 a.m. Winter Market in the Parish Hall  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | (12/18) | 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church<br>9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall<br>9:15 a.m. Choir Practice in the Church<br>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church<br>10:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Atwater Room<br>11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall   |

### Serving Today Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.

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| <b>LEM</b>         | Virginia Gilmore                |
| <b>Lector</b>      | Tom Simson                      |
| <b>Usher</b>       | Tom Simson                      |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Diane Stewart, Virginia Gilmore |

### Serving Today Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

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| <b>LEM</b>         | John Andren                 |
| <b>Lector</b>      | William Glover              |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Steve DeCaro, Larry Andria  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Victoria Garcia, Diane Feil |

Coffee Hour will take place following both the 8 & 10 A.M. services in the Parish Hall.

The Rosemary plants on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Kate Gabrielsen in loving memory of her sister, Diane and by Jock McLean in Celebration of Ashley McLean's birthday and in memory of her mother, Marilyn G. McLean.

Congratulations on the Birthdays of Ashley McLean, Pamela Kern, Spencer & Trevor Moyle and Deborah Stonesifer.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, and Michael Keegan.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: Chris Allen, Deana Chiusano, Fred Edwards, Nancy Fraser, Anthony Graviano, Noel Hayes, Barbara Ireton, Cathy Jones, Gretchen & Jim Jubinski, Cole LoRusso, Jock McLean, Sean McLean, Sudie Nostrand, Paul Oele, Cassie Panzarino, Joan Petrella, Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson, Jean Scopinich, Sarah Witters, The Reverend Abigail Murphy, Rosemary Rees, and Cheryl Grove.

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Remembrances** – The Altar Guild welcomes your gifts toward the beautification of the church for the Festival Celebration of the birth of our Lord. The Dedication Form can be found in the narthex and on the table outside of the church office. It can also be found in Fr. Chris' newsletter. **The deadline has been extended to December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Kindly leave your form and check in Kate Gabrielsen's mailbox in the computer room. Thank you.

**Christmas Creches/Manger Scenes** – Fr. Chris would once again like to borrow your creches/manger scenes to decorate the windows in the church at Christmas time. Please drop them off at the Parish Office and please make sure to label who they belong to. Our hope is to display one from each family in the parish as a way to share in the birth of Jesus.

**Christmas Basket Auction** - **The bidding will continue until Tuesday afternoon, December 13<sup>th</sup>.** All proceeds raised will be used toward the installation of a beautiful stone altar in the columbarium to enhance our outdoor services! As always thank you for your support, donations, bids or volunteer time. We very much appreciate your help! Please call Sundy Schermeyer at 631-379-3981 with any questions.

**Advent Book Study** is taking place on Thursday at 10 AM in the Rector's office and will continue until December 22<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome!

**Mid-Week Services on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Rector's office and at 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline in the Chapel.

**Choir Practice** is on Thursday at 5:30 PM in the church. The only requirement is the desire to make a joyful noise. For further information contact Stephen Hunt at [stephenhuntmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stephenhuntmusic@gmail.com).

**We Need Your Help on Sunday Mornings as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Acolyte.** Please contact John Kern at [John@jkernlaw.com](mailto:John@jkernlaw.com).

**Rosemary Altar Plants/Flowers:** If you would like to dedicate a plant for the Altar contact Kate Gabrielsen in the parish office 631-288-2111 or email her at [kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org](mailto:kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org). Each plant is \$40. There are two plants available for December 18<sup>th</sup>. There are altar flowers available in January. You can find the sign-up book in the front lobby outside of the church office.

**Alanon** now meets at St. Mark's both in-person and online via zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Atwater Room. Please speak with Fr. Chris if you are interested in joining this group.

**Ways to Help the People of Ukraine...**When the donated non-perishable items were delivered to the Ukrainian Church in Riverhead we were told that what they need right now are bandages, pain killers, burn care products and **new winter clothing**. A complete list is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please help us collect as much of these necessary items as we can. There is a box for them in the narthex. You can also visit our website at [www.stmarkswhb.org](http://www.stmarkswhb.org) for ways to help.

**Maureen's Haven:** "Thank you" for donations to Maureen's Haven. A box for donations, along with a list of suggested items such as individual containers of non-perishable food, is in the office lobby.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- December 17 - April 2023: Winter Market in the Parish Hall 10 AM - 2 PM.
- December 18: Advent Lessons & Carols at the 10 AM Service.

#### **Our Christmas Services will be as follows**

- Christmas Eve: 5 PM & 9 PM
- Christmas Day: 10 PM
- (New Year's Day: 10 PM)

#### **Last Week's Attendance:**

|                    |            |    |  |
|--------------------|------------|----|--|
| Sunday, December 4 | 8:00 a.m.  | 20 |  |
| Sunday, December 4 | 10:00 a.m. | 35 | (plus 21 households viewed us online.) |
|                    | Total      | 55 |  |

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## Weekend Services

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
*Both services are followed by Coffee Hour*

## Thursday Services

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing  
5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline

## Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano—*Bishop of Long Island*

The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf—*Assisting Bishop*

The Rt. Rev. William Franklin—*Assisting Bishop*

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey—*Assisting Bishop*

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Kate Gabrielsen—*Parish Administrator*

Chris Adams—*Facilities Manager*

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Diane Stewart—*Warden*

Sandy Wyman—*Warden*

## *Vestry Members:*

Steve DeCaro, Diane Feil, Madeline Glover,

Tom Hadlock, Tom Horan,

Marjorie Kulesa, Ashley Lueck,

Barbara Pettus and Steve Turner.

Thomas Simson—*Treasurer*

Carol Fitton—*Clerk of the Vestry*