



Welcome to
SAINT MARK'S

The Second Sunday of Advent, Year B
December 10, 2023 at 8:00 & 10:00 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—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

Please silence your cell phone

Welcome to Saint Mark's Church. The season of Advent begins today. The name of the season means "coming," and it celebrates God's coming to us in the birth of Jesus and looks toward Christ's return at the end of history as Savior and Judge. The first reading from Isaiah reflects the intensity of the prophet's hope for the Messiah. In a period of Israel's history when confidence in the people's own efforts to build God's Kingdom had collapsed, Isaiah expresses that hope in a passage that has been a part of the Advent liturgy since the earliest days of the Church: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down..." In the second reading we hear Paul's greeting in his first letter to Corinth. Recognizing the many spiritual gifts of the Corinthian church (a source of their strength, but also a source of the controversy which caused him to write) he says that those spiritual gifts are given to prepare us to greet the return of Christ. Jesus' message to his followers is an assurance that he will return and that our lives should be lived in preparation for that return. This theme of watching for his return is always central on the first Sunday of Advent. Today's reading from Mark is the parable of the door-keeper. It reminds us that we are always to be on the watch for Jesus' return. The liturgy is the way the Church lives in the time between Jesus' first coming and his second coming. In word and sacrament he comes to us again and again, veiled, but present to eyes of faith. In the Eucharist and in ministry to others we are continually being prepared to greet him when he comes again in glory.

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Prelude

God's People Gather Together

Processional Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymn 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O _____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God _____ en - du - reth, the _____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst _____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The _____
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they _____ per - ish, like
 feed his _____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our _____ God _____ may go!
 na - tions shall _____ pass like a dream _____ a - way;
 lead them, and _____ bring them _____ safe to his fold.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Week One is PEACE

Celebrant In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (*Isaiah 40:1*).

LEM We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

All: *We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.*

Celebrant We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. *Amen.*

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

The Advent Wreath Hymn – Candle of Peace

LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!")

*The candle of PEACE shines bright with God's plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.*

Celebrant + Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

Collect for Purity

(BCP p. 355)

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.)

(BCP p.354)

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

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Liturgy of St. Chrysostom

Fernando Ortega or Fred Read

$\text{♩} = 65$

The musical score is written for voice in 4/4 time with a tempo of 65 beats per minute. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Voice' and contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff is labeled 'Vo.' and contains the next two lines. The third staff is labeled 'Vo.' and contains the next two lines. The fourth staff is labeled 'Vo.' and contains the next two lines. The fifth staff is labeled 'Vo.' and contains the final two lines. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God Ho - ly and migh - ty - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy. Have mer - cy on us. Ho - ly God Ho - ly and migh - ty - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy. Have mer - cy on us.'

Voice

Ho - ly God Ho - ly and migh - ty -

6

Vo.

ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy. Have

10

Vo.

mer - cy on us. Ho - ly God

15

Vo.

Ho - ly and migh - ty - ty, Ho - ly Im -

18

Vo.

mor - tal One, have mer - cy. Have mer - cy on us.

The Collect for The Second Sunday of Advent

(BCP p. 211)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

¹“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. ²“Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.” ³A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” ⁶A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

At 8:00 a.m. the Psalm is prayed responsively by half verse.

At 10:00 a.m. The Psalm Antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then sung by ALL.

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- ¹ You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- ² You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins. [Antiphon]
- ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- ⁹ Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land. [Antiphon]
- ¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. [Antiphon]
- ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. [Antiphon]

The people stand as they are able.



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



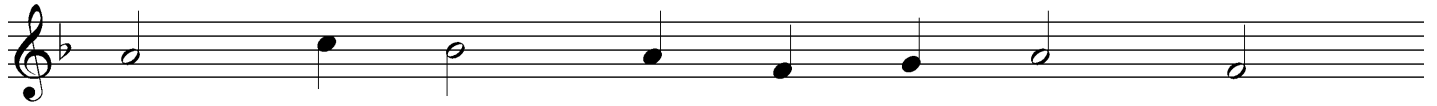
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



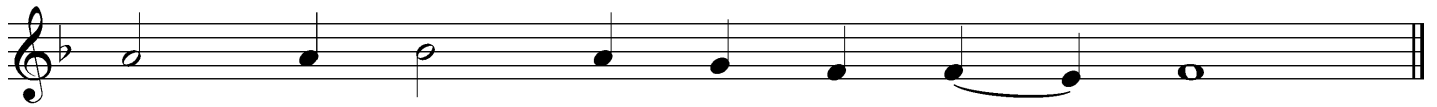
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

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



¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

The 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.

*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 for the fulfillment of the ancient promises, let us offer prayers to our God who speaks tenderly and whose patience is our salvation, saying: *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

Lay Eucharistic Minister

For the Church: especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, and for Chris our priest, that we may herald the good tidings of God's coming to gather and comfort all people. *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

For this parish family, that God will renew the gift of the Spirit within us and help us to be willing and active disciples. *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

For all who are waiting, that God will give us patience, help us to accompany one another through difficult times, and open in our hearts a place to recognize God's presence and invitations to serve. *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

For an easing of tensions between and within nations, that God will open new paths for communication and the resolution of disputes so that they may work together to promote justice and peace. *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

For deeper respect and appreciation for creation, that we may be good stewards of the earth God has provided for our well-being and that of future generations. *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

For the lonely, the fearful, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially the people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Armenia, the United States, and those on our prayer list. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* We pray that the uneven ground of their lives may be leveled to become a highway for God's comfort and peace. *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

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. Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who have died. *(The people may add petitions for those they wish to remember.)* May they find rest and peace in the bosom of the Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord. *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(The people may name their own thanksgivings.)* We also give thanks to God this week for Ashley Lueck, Pamela Kern, Spencer and Trevor Moyle 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, and Trevor 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 Jason and Alicia Andria in thanksgiving of their family and church, for all of their love and support, and by Louise Reeves in thanks to God for his many blessings.

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: God of comfort, whose promise is a new creation, hear our prayers and prepare the way in the wilderness of our world, that by lives of holiness and service, we may hasten the coming of that new day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

The Confession

(BCP p. 360)

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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

+ 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*

Offertory Hymn

Savior of the nations, come!

Hymnal 54



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



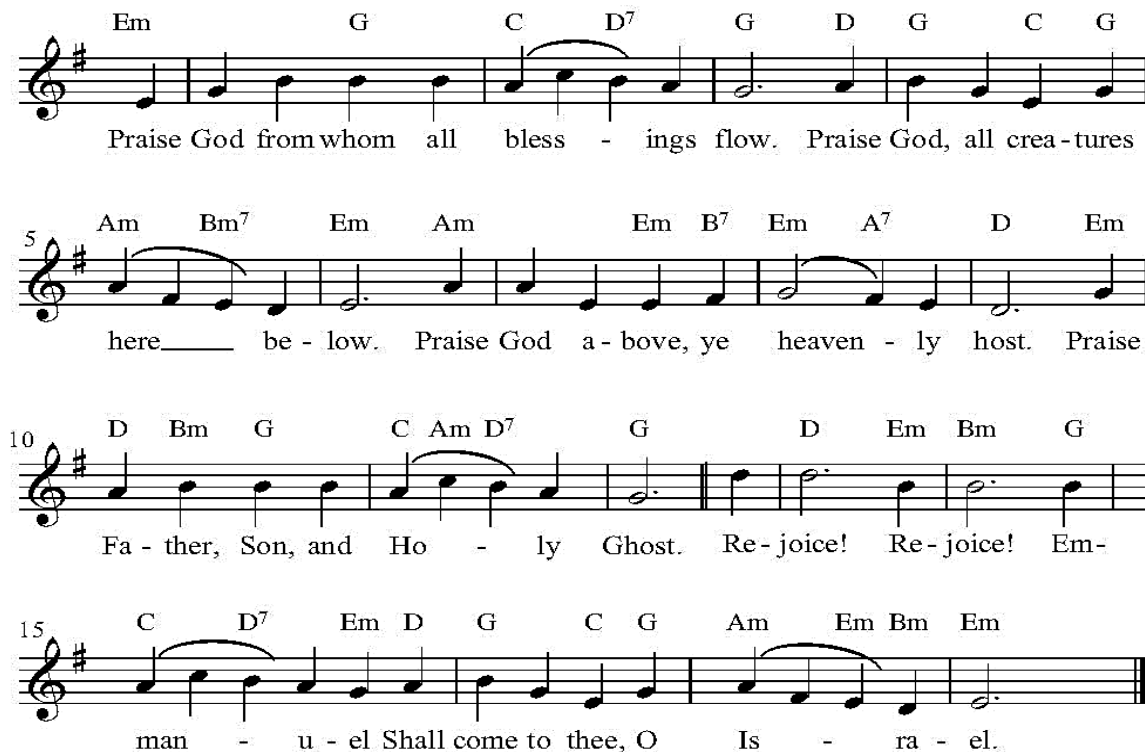
heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

The Presentation of Gifts

(At 8:00 a.m.)

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

(At 10:00 a.m.) The Doxology



Em G C D7 G D G C G
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm7 Em Am Em B7 Em A7 D Em
here — be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D7 G D Em Bm G
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D7 Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: 15th Century French

VENI EMMANUEL
LM with Refrain

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer from the Angel's Song – Advent 2B*)

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People ***His Spirit is with us.***

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 God thanks and praise.***

Constant God, with you a thousand years are like one day.

We thank and praise you because you have not been slow about your promise, but have patiently waited that all might come to repentance.

In John the Baptist you sent a herald
 who embodied the prophecies of your chosen people
 and announced the coming of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through baptism you offer us the forgiveness of sins,
 and after the water of cleansing you clothe us anew in your Spirit.
 You invite us into the heritage of your prophets and the destiny of your saints.
 In your Son's death you lay down your life for us,
 and in raising him from the tomb you inaugurate your eternal kingdom of peace.

And so we join angels and archangels and the company of heaven, singing for ever of your
 glory.

Sanctus (At 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.)

S-130

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "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 -". The score consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line. The fourth system covers the fourth line. The music is primarily homophonic, with chords and simple melodic lines. There are some longer notes and rests in the vocal line, particularly in the second and third systems.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as they prefer

Holy God, you call your people to wait for and hasten the day of your coming.
We long to open wide the gates and spread apart the everlasting doors,
that you, our king of glory, may enter among us,
and we may say, 'Here is our God.'

Fulfil our hopes and send now your gracious Spirit on your people
and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,
gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gentle God, you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your lambs in your arms.
Speak tenderly to all who linger under the shadow
of exile, imprisonment, exclusion or rejection.
Give your children the joy of knowing
that they have served their term, their penalty is paid,
that they shall receive back from your hand
double for all that they have ached to lose.

Where your people are isolated on a mountain top,
cry to them that their mountain will be laid low;
where they are in the valley of despair,
whisper to them that they shall be exalted.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
hasten the coming of our new day begun,
when we shall see the wonder of your tender face,
when the grass never withers and the flower never fades
because you are all in all,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A musical score for the hymn 'Amen, amen, amen'. The score is written for two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A-men, a-men, a - men. A-men, a - men.' are written below the treble clef staff, aligned with the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus 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

S-164

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.

Invitation to Communion

(BCP p. 364)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. *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. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.

Communion Hymn

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger

LEVAS 19



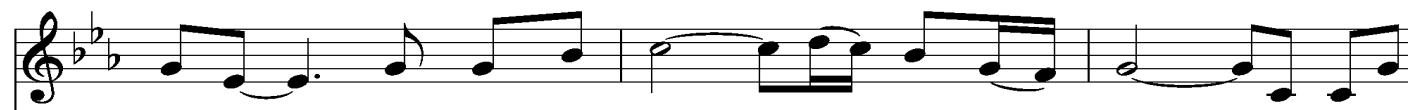
1. I'm just a poor__ way-far-ing stran-ger,- I'm trav'-ling through this world be -
2. I know dark clouds_ will gath-er o'er me,- I know my path - way's rough and
3. I want to sing__ sal - va-tions sto-ry,- In con-cert with__ the blood-washed
4. I'll soon be free__ from ev - ery tri - al,- This form will rest__ be - neath the



1. low;__ There is no sick - ness, toil, nor dan-ger,- In that bright
2. steep;__ But gold-en fields__ lie out be - fore me,- Where wea - ry
3. band;__ I want to wear__ a crown of glo-ry,- When I get
4. sod;__ I'll drop the cross__ of self - de - ni - al,- And en - ter



1. world__ to which I go.___ I'm go - ing there__ to see my
2. eyes__ no more shall weep.___ I'm go - ing there__ to see my
3. home__ to that good land.___ I'm go - ing there__ to see my
4. in__ my home with God.___ I'm go - ing there__ to see my



1. fa - ther,- I'm go - ing there__ no__ more to__ roam;__
2. mo-ther,- She said she'd meet__ me_ when I come;__ I'm just a
3. bro-thers,- They passed be - fore__ me_ one by one;__
4. Sav-ior.___ Who shed for me__ His_ pre - cious blood:__



go - ing o-ver Jor - dan,- I'm just a go - ing o-ver home.___

The Post Communion Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent (Church of England)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing for the Second Sunday of Advent (Church of England)

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you forever.
Amen.

The Announcements

THE ADVENT POLICE



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
 2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
 3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to

rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
 oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
 tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then

have the pro - phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
 we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
 shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to

would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
 ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
 drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

The Dismissal (*Church of England*)

LEM As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is "Rose" Sunday—You are invited to wear something rose or pink in color to church.

Christmas Nativity Scenes or Creches—We would like to adorn the church again with family nativity scenes/creches. My goal is to have one from every family in the parish to display around the church. Please label your sets and drop them off in the Parish Office. Thanks!—Chris +

Covenant Class for those who wish to be Confirmed, Received or to learn more about the Episcopal Church will start in the new year.

Bright Beginnings Toy Drive – New unwrapped toys by **December 14th**.

Coffee Hour: There is a sign-up sheet outside of the parish hall. Host/hostesses are needed for the 10 a.m. service on December 17 and to assist on December 31st. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to dedicate Rosemary plants for the Altar during Advent, contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. One plant is available for Dec 17 & one for the 31st. The plants are \$40.00 each.

Christmas Remembrances – Forms are available on the table outside of the parish hall for names to be submitted for the Christmas Remembrance list. All donations will be used for the beautification of the church for Christmas. **Please note the deadline is December 17th**.

Mark Your Calendar:

December 17 – 4:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

December 22 – 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church

December 31 – 9:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service with Pot-Luck Brunch following.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: **Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **David Fridae**, **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Jason Gordon** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris' Parents), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), **Fred Meyer** (Parishioner), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Sudie Nostrand** (Carol John's Sister), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Joan Petrella** (Parishioner), **Jean Scopinich** (Parishioner), **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **John Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Marilyn Dorsa** (Req. by Drew Clark), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Christina Kouris** (Req. by Sandy Wyman), **Wilfred Funk** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Rebekah Lessard** (req. by Jinny Gilmore) **John Saladino** (Req. by Victoria Garcia) and **Fran Graham**.

If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.

The Rosemary of Remembrance on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Jason and Alicia Andria in thanksgiving of their family and church, for all of their love and support, and by Louise Reeves in thanks to God for his many blessings.



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Sunday Services

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed)
The first Sunday of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

Thursday Midweek Service

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

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*

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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*

