



Welcome to
SAINT MARK'S

The Second Sunday of Advent, Year C
December 8, 2024 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 St. Mark's Church. Today is the first of the two Advent Sundays on which John the Baptist is the central figure. This dynamic prophet marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He announced the time of Messiah's arrival and called the people of Israel to repentance in preparation for that coming. The Gospels see him as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of one who will prepare the way for God to come to the peoples of the earth. The writer of Baruch, one of the books accounted as the Apocrypha by Anglicans, is presented as addressing the Jewish exiles in Babylon with words probably borrowed from Isaiah. God's people are called to look forward to the coming of God with joy and gladness, for when he comes God will lead all the peoples to our true home. The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Philippians. In greeting this congregation, Paul speaks of his affection for them and of his imprisonment. He urges them to continue in faith as they await the day of Christ's return. The Old Testament and John the Baptist looked toward the coming of the Messiah in history to establish God's Kingdom. The New Testament looks toward the return of Christ at the end of history to bring that Kingdom to fulfillment. We, the Church, gather in Eucharist in the "in between times" to celebrate the foretaste of that Kingdom and to be equipped by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Kingdom to the world.

God's People Gather Together

Processional Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymn 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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *Week Two 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 this candle as a sign of our 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 + **B**lessed 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

$\text{♩} = 65$

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.

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— *Baruch 5:1-9*

A reading from the book of the prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

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 Gospel—Luke 3:1-6

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



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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.

The Affirmation of Faith—The Nicene Creed

(BCP p. 358)

*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: In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, lead us with joy in the light of your glory; that we might be ready for you, and eager to pray.

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

LEM: O God, help your church take off the garment of sorrow and affliction and put on forever the beauty of your glory. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray this week for Saint John the Evangelist (*Lynbrook*), Saint Thomas of Canterbury (*Smithtown*), Saint Mark's (*Westhampton Beach*), Centro Franciscano (*Riverhead*), Saint Paul's (*Woodside*), Christ Church (*Bay Ridge*), Christ Church (*Bellport*), Saint Ann and the Holy Trinity (*Brooklyn*), and Saint James the Less (*Jamaica*).

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

In your time, O Lord, gather all your children from the nations of the world, from the west and the east; that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, remembering especially the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Armenia, Haiti, and those on our Prayer List. (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern.*) We pray that they might rejoice that God has remembered them.

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. (*The people may add petitions either silently or aloud.*)

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week that they might walk safely in the glory of God. We give thanks this week for Stephen Sherwood, Ashley Lueck, Pamela Kern, and Spencer & Trevor Moyle who are celebrating their birthdays.

For a Birthday - O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on Stephen, 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 Sundy Schermeyer in loving memory of her grandparents, Arma & Ruth Andon.

All: O Christ, hear our prayers; and when you come among the nations for the forgiveness of sins, may we, your Church, be ready to meet you and find our home in you. Come Lord Jesus. 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 people stand as they are able.

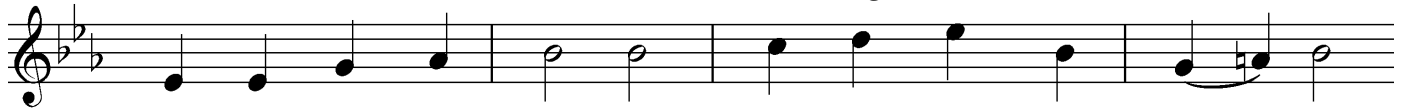
The Peace

Celebrant God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
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*



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

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

Text and tune adapted by Dean McIntyre, The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, PO Box 340003, Nashville TN 37203-0003. Telephone 615-340-7073. Website <http://www.umcworship.org>. Email address: music@gbod.org. Text and tune are public domain.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer from the Angel's Song)

- 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.**

Blessed be your name, Lord God of time and eternity, for you have come to your people and set them free. You have spoken through the mouth of holy prophets and remembered your covenant of old. You have prepared the way of our salvation by raising up a mighty Savior from the house of your servant David.

Your Son Jesus took upon himself on the cross the cost of our sin, and through him you revealed the fullness of your promise of mercy. In his resurrection you gave us knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of our sins, that we might serve you without fear in holiness and righteousness all our days.

And so with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we join the unending hymn.

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.)

SD-130

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. 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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal lines. There are some fermatas and ties in the vocal lines, 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

God of the future and the past, you promised that all flesh shall see your salvation: show us the salvation you bring through the flesh and blood of your only Son. As your prophets heralded his saving glory, sanctify your church for his promised coming.

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.'

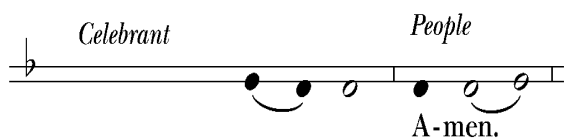
After supper he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Refining Spirit, you burn away all that does not endure your present. Reveal your mercy in the very crucible of your love. Protect your sons and daughters who are facing a crucible of trial or temptation or testing, and, amidst the suffering of your children, reveal your eternal grace.

Refine and strengthen the hope of your church through every adversity and every danger. Set the hearts of your people on fire to seek your justice and share your mercy; until your dawn from on high breaks upon us, and on the day of your coming we stand clothed in the righteousness of your Son, in the presence of the Father, by the refining power of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 (8:00 a.m.)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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. Instead, you may keep your wafer visible in your hands and Fr. Chris will intinct for you and place the wafer on your on your tongue.** 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.

1. Be not dis-mayed_ what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;—
 2. Through days of toil___ when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;—
 3. All you may need___ He will pro- vide, God will take care of you;—
 4. No mat - ter what___ may be the test, God will take care of you;—

1. Be - neath His wings___ of love a - bide, God will take care of you. —
 2. When dan - gers fierce___ your path as - sail, God will take care of you. —
 3. Noth - ing you ask___ will be de - nied, God will take care of you. —
 4. Lean, wea - ry one,___ up - on His breast, God will take care of you. —

God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day, O'er all the way;

He will take care___ of you, God will take care___ of you. —

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*F*ather in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

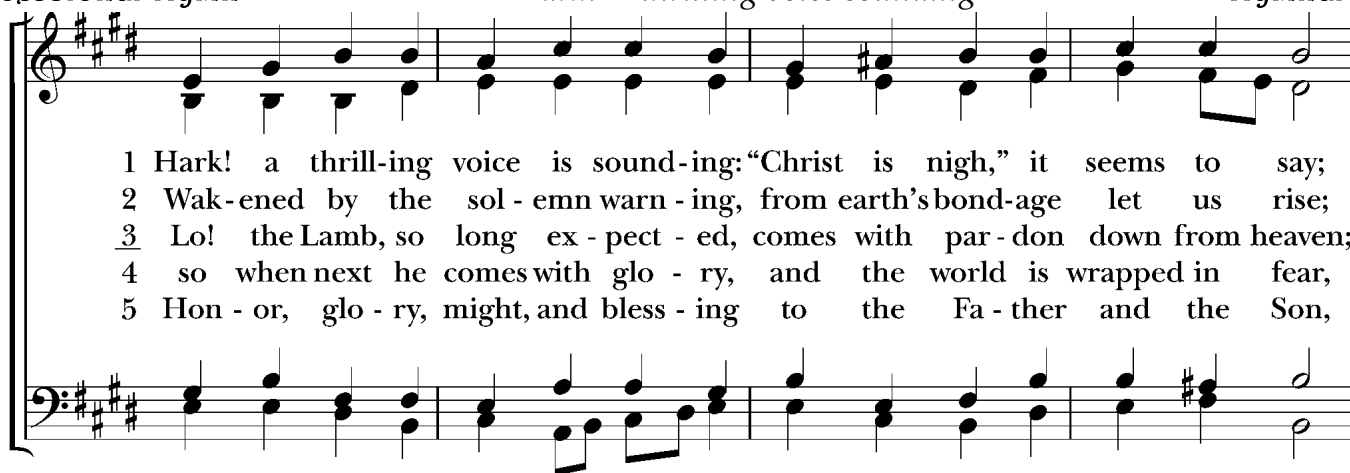
May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

The Announcements

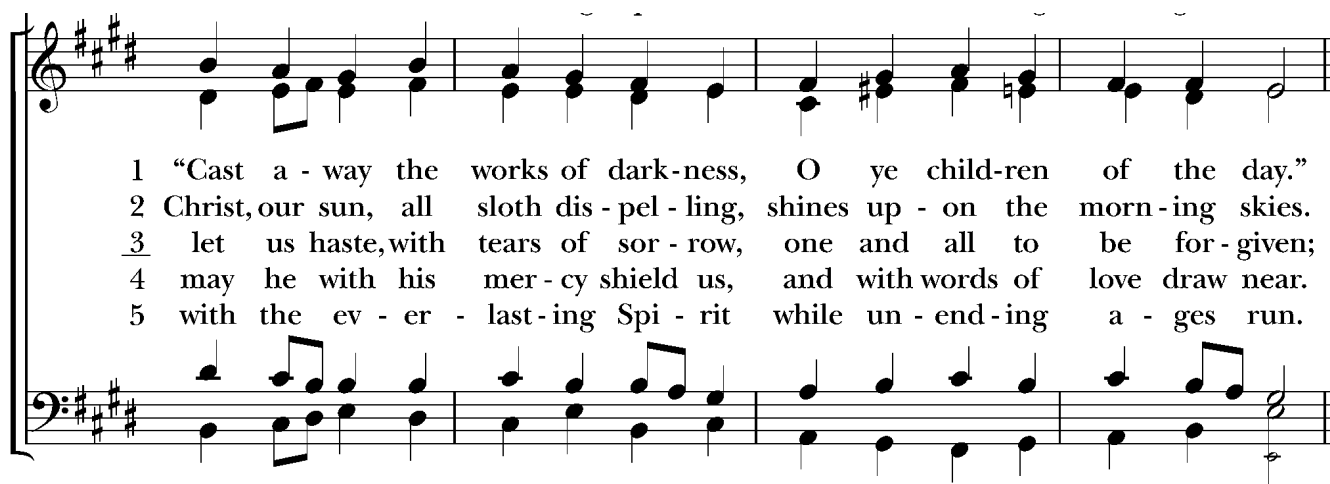
Recessional Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice sounding

Hymnal 59



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,



1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

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 WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 12/09	Church Office Closed
Tuesday, 12/10	12:-3:00 p.m. Westhampton Women's Club
Wednesday, 12/11	12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting in Fr. Chris' Office 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting – Atwater Room
Thursday, 12/12	10:00 a.m. Bible Study – New Study: "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" 11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service in Fr. Chris' office
Saturday, 12/14	9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Holiday Market in Parish Hall
Sunday, 12/15 Rose Sunday	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Parish Hall 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – Atwater Room 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Parish Hall

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Participants	
LEM	Carol Jubinski
Lector	Tom Simson
Usher	Steve Turner
Altar Guild	Virginia Gilmore
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Participants	
LEM	Madeline Glover
Lector	Deni McChesney
Ushers	Tom Horan, Rich Caccavano
Altar Guild	Victoria Garcia, Karen Love
<u>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Alicia Andria	12/02
Carol Smith	12/06
Stephen Sherwood	12/09
Ashley Lueck	12/11
Pamela Kern	12/12
Spencer and Trevor Moyle	12/13
Richard Caccavano	12/18
Michael Warner	12/18
Elizabeth Horan	12/23
Jennifer Marwood	12/24
Faith Andria	12/27
<u>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Lawrence & Candace Andria	12/07
William and Madeline Glover	12/19
Stephen & Donna Turner	12/30

<u>Services</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On Line</u>
12/01 Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m. 21	
12/01 Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m. 46	44
	Total	57 44
12/05 Bible Study	10:00 a.m. 10	
12/05 Mid-Week Service	11:00 a.m. 5	

Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And, remember the People of Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Armenia, Ukraine, Haiti, and the United States of America too!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET TIME BEFORE SERVICES--It is a tradition in the Episcopal Church to provide for quiet before the service so that people can come and pray, meditate, or be prepared for the start of the service. With this in mind, I ask that you please refrain from conversations inside the church before the service starts. Saint Mark's is a friendly place and I'm not trying to stifle this. Parishioners have reached out to me and I am only trying to make space for folks who want some quiet time before the service. Thank you for help to make this happen.

NEW STUDY – "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" has started and takes place in the Atwater Room at 10:00 a.m. in-person and via zoom. We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. If we're being honest, there's probably something within the Christmas season celebration that awakens a Grinch within all of us. Maybe the gift we unwrap was all wrong, or memories that were supposed to be joyful never were. When everything seems wrong in the world, even joyful celebrations are much too loud. In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, How the Grinch Stole Christmas! This Advent & Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith. Books can be purchased through Amazon. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5697969237> and Meeting ID: 569 796 9237 or via One tap mobile +16468769923,,5697969237# US (New York)

HOLIDAY MARKET - Vendors from the Farmer's Market are selling holiday items in our Parish Hall until December 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ROSE SUNDAY - Next Sunday, Dec. 15th we will be celebrating Rose Sunday at our 8 & 10 a.m. services. You are invited to wear something pink or rose.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE REQUESTS - Forms for your requests are on the table outside of the Parish Hall. Please note the deadline for submitting your requests is next Sunday, December 15th.

ALTAR PLANTS - If you would like to dedicate plants for the Altar during December contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. **One plant is available for December 15 & 29.** Each plant is \$40. Please contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

2024 DONATIONS - A friendly reminder, as per the IRS, that all donations must be postmarked by December 31, 2024 in order to count for 2024. Thank you for your support of Saint Mark's throughout this past year!

COFFEE HOUR: Volunteers needed for Coffee Hour following both services December 15 and for the 8 am December 22. Contact Kate in the church office or use the sign-up sheet located on the table outside of the Parish Hall. Thank you to those who have volunteered!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 21 - Blue Christmas Service 4:30 p.m. - (Meditative Music starts 4:00 p.m.)

December 22 - Greening of the Church at 11 a.m.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 & 9:00 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Day Service at 9:00 a.m.

December 29 - 9:00 a.m. service with Christmas Lessons & Carols & Holy Eucharist. Brunch instead of Coffee Hour.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:

Kurt Andon (Req. by Sundy Schermeyer), **Aubrey** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Ridgie Barnett** (Parishioner), **Bentley** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Bishop Provenzano**, **Bridget** (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), **Rich Cassavano** (Parishioner), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Abby Connett** (Req. by Nancy Connett), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Jason Gordon** (by Kate Gabrielsen), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Max Gorman** (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), **John & Anita Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Earl Meyers** (Jinny Gilmore), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Carol Marin**, (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Kenneth Reeves** (husband of Louise Reeves), **Betty Rose Richardson**, (by Victoria Garcia), **Jean Scopinich** (Parishioner), **Diane Stewart** (Parishioner) **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia), **Victoria DiRocco** (Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter), **John Henwood** (Fr. Chris & Carol's Brother-in-Law), **Michael Rees** (Brother of Victoria Garcia), **Wayd Wolgemuth** (Req. by Elizabeth Wolgemuth)

(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.



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Fall-Winter Weekend Church Services

Sundays 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (10 a.m. 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.

All Members of Saint Mark's are Ministers of the Church!

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*

The Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski—*Rector of Saint Mark's*
Email: chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org
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The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie—*Priest-in-Residence*
Stephen Hunt—*Director of Music*
Kate Gabrielsen—*Parish Administrator*
Chris Adams—*Facilities Manager*
Rosanna Davis—*Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool*
Diane Stewart—*Warden*
Tom Horan —*Warden*

Vestry Members:

Steve DeCaro, Diane Feil, Madeline Glover
Tom Hadlock, Marjorie Kulesa, Ashley Lueck,
Barbara Pettus, Steve Turner and Sandy Wyman

Thomas Simson—*Treasurer*
Carol Fitton – *Clerk of the Vestry*

