

Welcome to
SAINT MARK'S

The Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

DECEMBER 6, 2025 at 5:00 P.M

DECEMBER 7, 2025 at 9:30 A.M

Anointing & Healing following Both Services

+ --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. This is the first of the two Advent Sundays in which John the Baptist is the dominant figure. John's ministry as the forerunner of the Messiah is introduced in today's gospel reading by his preaching: a stern call to repentance. John warns that neither reliance on the religious practices of the Pharisees and Sadducees nor descent from Abraham is of any use unless one turns around and repents. The first reading is one of the visions of Isaiah. From the almost moribund family of Jesse (King David's father) a new shoot will appear, a new David. This Messiah will establish God's universal reign as a time of peace even extending to the natural world. Paul's message in the second reading also reflects on the character of the Messiah's ministry as one for all peoples: Jews and Gentiles. Advent calls all people, not just those who are religious, into relationship with God and with each other. Nevertheless, a key element in this new relationship is repentance, entering into the new Way of living brought through the dying and rising of Jesus.

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Prelude

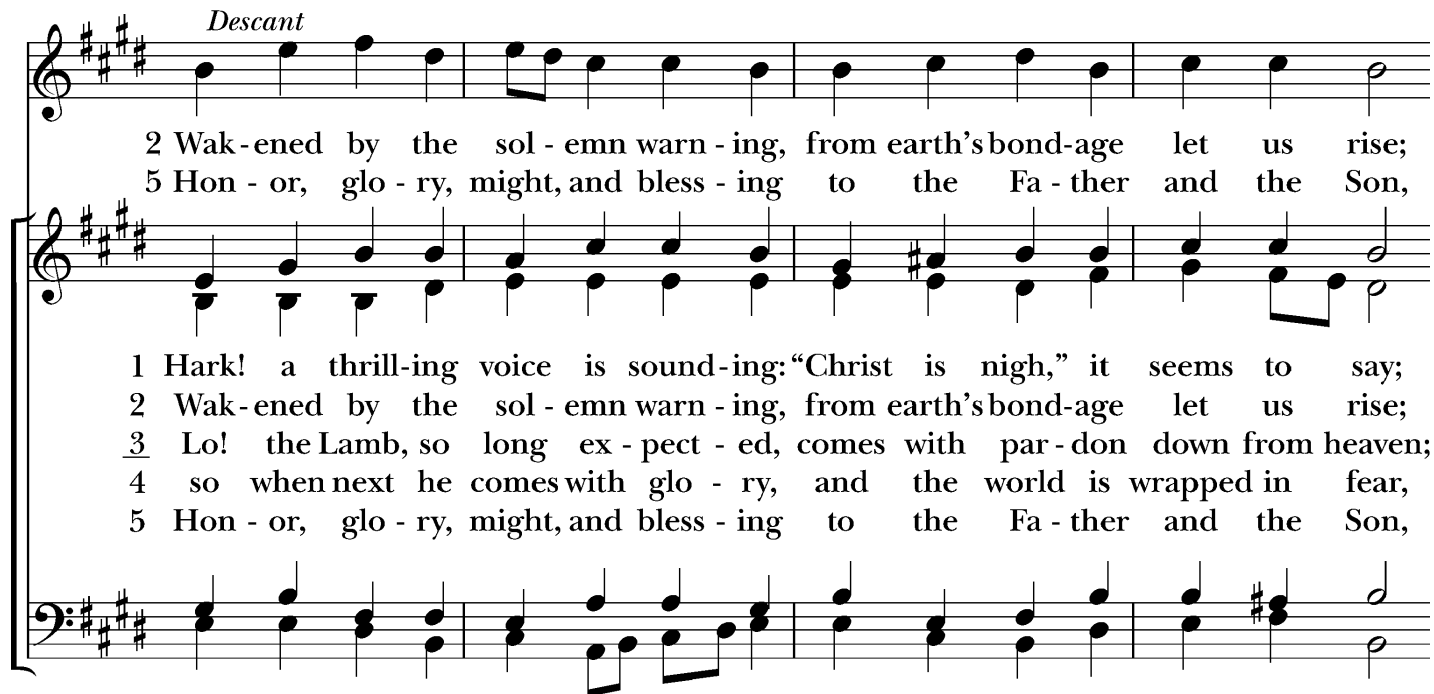
God's People Gather Together

Processional Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

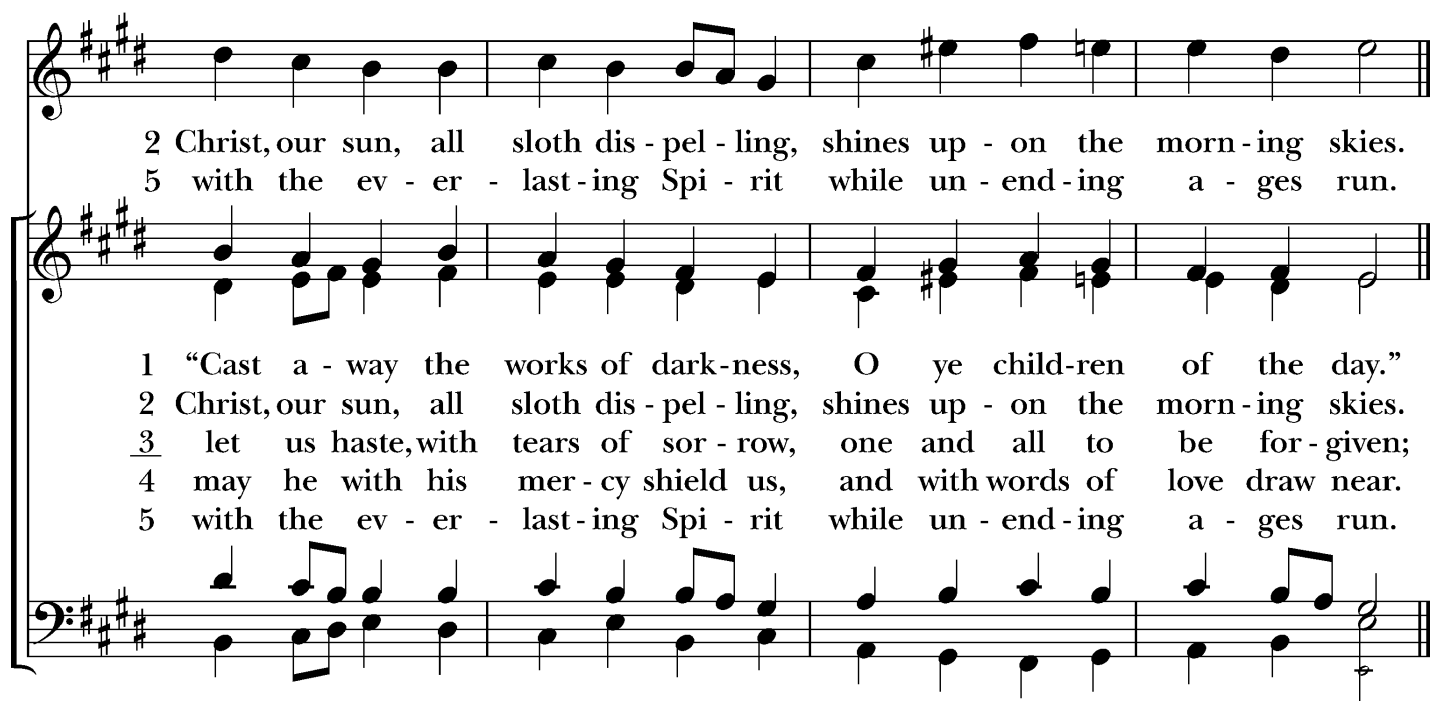
Hymn 59

Descant



2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

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,



2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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 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 to worship and glorify God. *Amen.*

Light the first and second 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 5:00 p.m.)

(BCP p.354)

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

(at 9:30 a.m.)

Liturgy of St. Chrysostom

Fernando Ortega or Fred Read

♩ = 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.

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 11:1-10*

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.



A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, judicium*

At the beginning the refrain is first played through by the organ, then sung by the Cantor, and finally sung by the Congregation.



- ¹ Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- ² That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness. Antiphon:
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth. Antiphon:
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- ⁸ He shall rule from sea to sea, *
and from the River to the ends of the earth! Antiphon:



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,



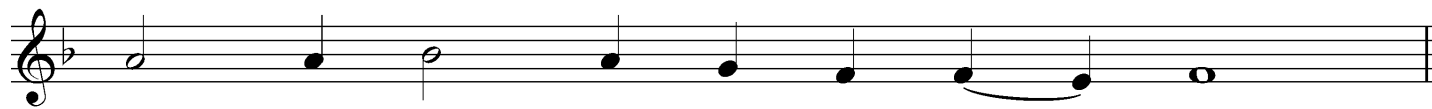
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



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.

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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



In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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 prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire saying, Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

LEM For the Church, especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury Designate, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, GERALYN, and William our bishops, and for Chris and Anne our priests. We pray for our sisters and brothers at the Church of the Atonement and for our ministry at The Villa. We also pray that we may live boldly as disciples and be instruments of transformation for the world. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For this parish family, that we may bear witness to God's reign by living in harmony with one another and be filled with joy and peace in believing. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For the renewal of all creation, that we may turn from the wastelands of violence and deceit, and dedicate ourselves to promoting faithful, honest, and loving relationships. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For those who long for peace in troubled places: that God will guide the negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, sustain the ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon, and preserve the peace in Venezuela. Come, O Holy One *and save us.*

For the prophets in our day, and for those who call us to face the truth, live the truth, and speak the truth to one another, that they may be strengthened by the Spirit of God. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For an end to violence in our cities and families, that the Spirit of God will transform hearts, help people recognize the dignity of each person, and disrupt the plans of those who seek to kill or injure others. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For those everywhere who suffer from the power of nature and the cold of winter, for the hungry and the homeless, and for the sick and the suffering, 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 may find hope and courage in the power of God's spirit. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For those who have died, as especially George L. Degener IV, a parishioner of both Saint Mark's and the Church of the Atonement, and also Antonio Melo, Grandfather of Leandra and Julia Melo. *(The people may add petitions either silently or aloud.)* We pray that they may find God's holy mountain a haven of peace and glory. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for Carol Smith, Stephen Sherwood, Pamela Kern, and Carla Panza who are celebrating their birthdays and for Larry and Candace Andria who are celebrating the anniversary of their marriage.

For a Birthday - *O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on Carol, Stephen, Pamela and Carla 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.*

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon Larry & Candace that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Rosemary of Remembrance on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Lisa & Paul Canty in loving memory of Richard Kleinknecht and by Larry & Candace Andria in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.

In the communion of Mary the Mother of Jesus, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

All: O Root of Jesse, who comes as a sign of God's justice, hear our prayers and help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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*

Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*



prom - ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending



Lord.

The Presentation of Gifts

(At 5:00 p.m.)

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

(At 9:30 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.*

Holy are you, God of Jesse, for the branch of our salvation is rooted in you.

To Abraham you promised to raise up a people bound to you in love, and through the household of David you brought life greater than our imagining in a child of grace, Jesus our Lord.

Though we deny your love for ourselves and seek to limit the reach of your mercy to others, you beckon us to repentance, open our eyes to new life and embrace us in your family of faith.

In your Son's death we see the depth of our sin; yet in his resurrection we see the extent of your grace. You bless us beyond reckoning, for you welcome us into the company of prophets and apostles and saints on earth and in heaven, with whom for ever we sing your praise.

(At 9:30 a.m.)

Sanctus (At 5:00 p.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 (9:30 a.m.)

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The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Anointing God, your Spirit rested upon your Son with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear.

In Christ you have anointed your future out of our past, your kingdom out of our plans and your salvation out of our poverty.

As your Spirit rested upon him, send down that same anointing Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord.

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.

Astonishing God, your prophet Isaiah envisaged a day when the wolf and lamb would lie down together, and the leopard with the kid, and a little child would lead us.

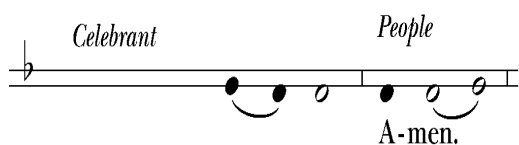
Astonish us anew by your gentle ways of peace here and now with us.

Shape your church to live from faith instead of fear.

Make your future present through the lives of those who show us how to love our enemies.

Hasten the day when the earth will be full of the knowledge of you, and your fullness will be all in all, and all creation from the depths of the sea to the heights of the mountains will know the peace to which your Son shall lead.

Awaken that dawn when we are surrounded with everlasting praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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

(At 5:00 p.m.)

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

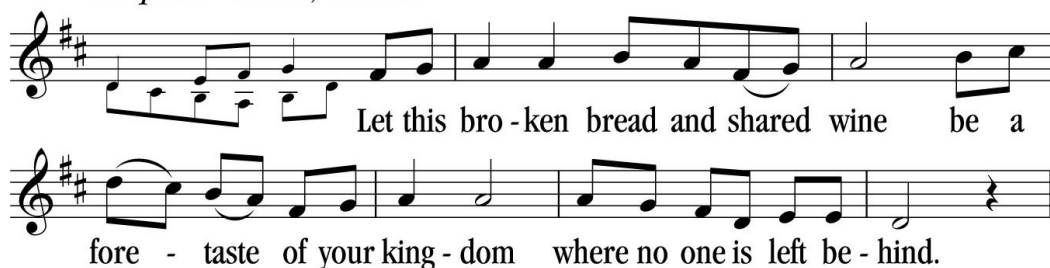
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

(At 9:30 a.m.)

Tom Gibbs

Antiphon: Cantor, then All



Cantor:

And at last may we come to your heavenly table
where we will join with saints and angels
at the feast you have prepared from the beginning. *Antiphon*

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 or the Lay Eucharistic Minister 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.

Communion Hymn

Lord make us servants of thy peace

Hymnal 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

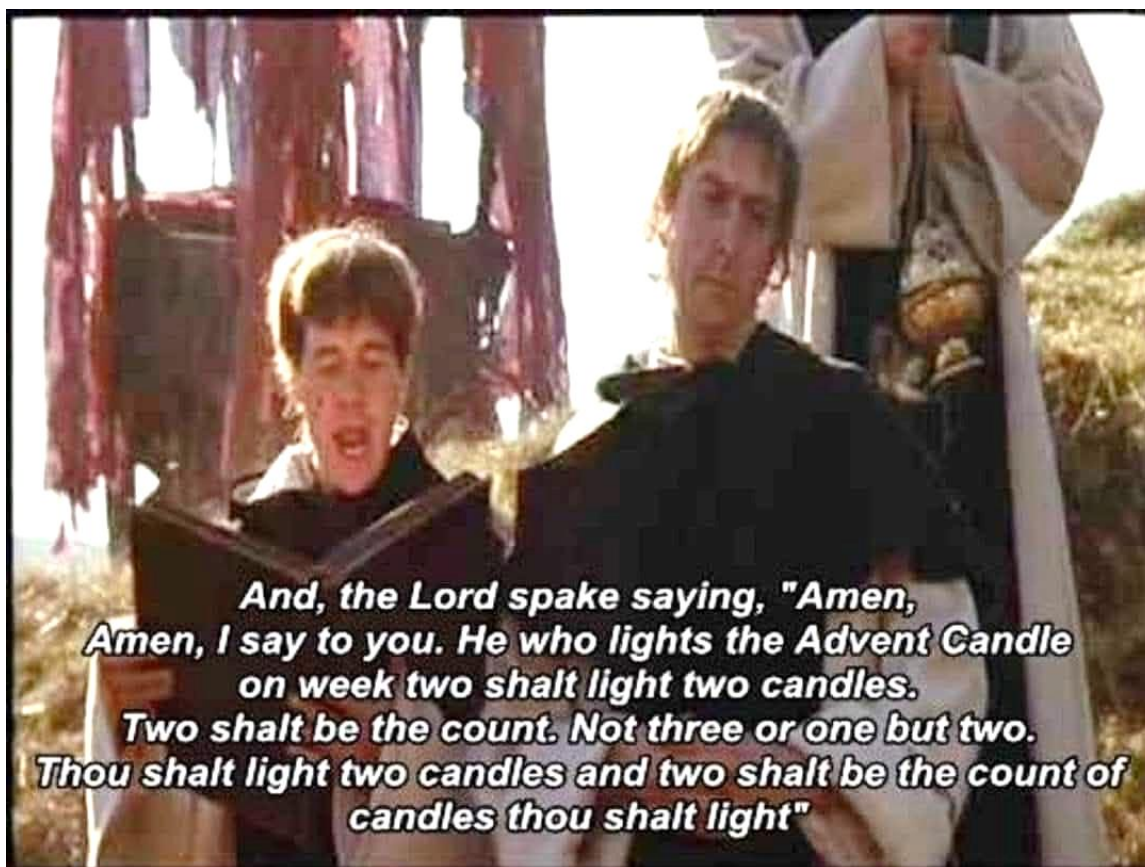
Celebrant and People

Father 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

Holy Father, great Creator

REGENT SQUARE 8 7 8 7 8 7

Henry T. Smart, 1867

Alexander V. Griswold, 1835



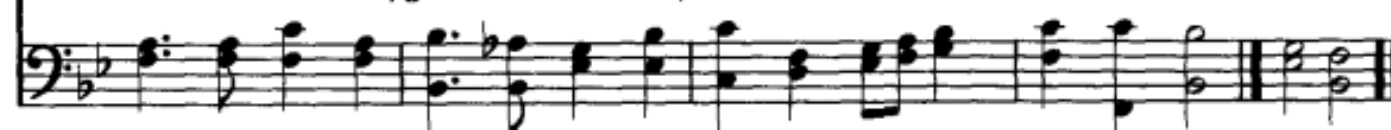
1. Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, Source of mer - cy, love, and peace,
2. Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, Whom an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim,
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er, Come with unc - tion from a - bove,
4. God the Lord, thro' ev - ery na - tion Let Thy won-drous mer - cies shine.



Look up - on the Me - di - a - tor, Clothe us with His right-eous-ness;
While we hear Thy won-drous sto - ry, Meet and wor - ship in Thy name,
Raise our hearts to rap - tures high - er, Fill them with the Sav-ior's love.
In the song of Thy sal - va - tion Ev - ery tongue and race com-bine.



Heav'n-ly Fa - ther, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, Thro' the Sav - ior hear and bless!
Dear Re-deem-er, dear Re-deem-er, In our hearts Thy peace pro-claim.
Source of com-fort, Source of com-fort, Cheer us with the Sav-ior's love.
Great Je - ho - vah, great Je - ho - vah, Form our hearts and make them Thine. A-men.



The Dismissal (*Church of England*)

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

Anointing and Prayers for Healing following the service.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES 2025



We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of ladies who serve faithfully in preparing the Sanctuary for worship under the direction of Ki Nobiletti. The Altar Guild welcomes your gifts toward the beautification of the church for the festival celebration of the birth of our Lord. Donations marked Christmas Remembrances may be mailed to the church office P.O. Box 887, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 or placed in the mailbox marked **Laura Bott in the Production Room** along with the names to be remembered.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submitting requests is December 21

Dedicated to:

From:

Donation:



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 12/08

Office Closed

Tuesday, 12/09

10:00 a.m. Westhampton Women's Club

Wednesday, 12/10

7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room

7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting - Parish Hall

Thursday, 12/11

10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Atwater Room

11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service - Fr. Chris' Office

12:30 p.m. The Threshold Singers - Atwater Room

8:00 p.m. Compline via zoom

Saturday, 12/13

9:00 - 1:00 Winter Market in the Parish Hall

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

Sunday, 12/14

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Rose Sunday - Holy Eucharist in the Church

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

		Services	In Person	On-Line
<u>SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. Participants</u>		11/29 - 5:00 p.m.	20	
LEM/Lector	John Kern	11/30 - 9:30 a.m.	50	59
Usher	Steve Turner		70	59
Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti, Karen Love			
<u>SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Participants</u>		12/04 - 11:00 a.m. Healing Service		7
LEM	Laureen Andria	12/04 - 12:00 p.m. Private Holy Communion		2
Lector	Dick Gardner	12/04 - 2:00 p.m. The Villa - Holy Eucharist		4
Ushers	Steve DeCaro, Bill Glover	12/04 - 3:00 p.m. Private Holy Communion		3
Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti, Karen Love	12/04 - 4:00 p.m. Private Holy Communion		3
		12/04 - 8:00 p.m. Compline		4
<u>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u>		
Alicia Andria	12/02	Lawrence & Candace Andria	12/07	
Carol Smith	12/06	William and Madeline Glover	12/19	
Stephen Sherwood	12/09	Stephen & Donna Turner	12/30	
Pamela Kern	12/12			
Carla Panza	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			
Elizabeth Umina	12/30			

too!

**Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon.
And, remember the People of the Middle East, Armenia,
Ukraine, Haiti, Syria, and the United States of America**

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WELCOMES YOU



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE ATWATER ROOM FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES – SEE ENCLOSED FLYER

ROSE SUNDAY – Next Sunday is “Rose Sunday” ...you are invited to wear Pink to church that day.

THE BIBLE AND HANDEL’S MESSIAH – Our Advent Study starting Thursday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Atwater Room. Study the scriptural texts and listen to the music...you will never hear the Messiah in the same way ever again. Please see Fr. Chris for the course book.

PARKING LOT SAFETY – With children and other vulnerable people being present here throughout the day at Saint Mark’s, please follow the direction arrows in the parking lot to keep traffic flowing in one direction and please watch your speed to help ensure safety.

WEEKLY COMPLINE ON THURSDAYS – I invite you to come together in the spirit of prayer each Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. for Compline. This service takes about 10 minutes to pray and is perfect way to unwind for the evening. The zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5697969237> Meeting ID: 569 796 9237 or via telephone: +16468769923,,5697969237# US (New York)

PLEASE NOTE: The current anniversaries and birthdays are listed in this insert each week. Kindly check it over to be sure your information is correct or if you need to be added. If you have access to the phone directory, kindly check that out also and contact Kate in the church office for any changes, etc. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE – Please notify me if you are sick or in the hospital so that I can pray for you and visit to bring you Holy Communion. Some people hesitate to call me because they think they are inconveniencing me. Not true! I am here for you and your spiritual care. My cell is 410.253.3664 – *Chris* +

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY – Please download this great tool on your apple or android device and have up to the minute access of our parish directory. The directory can also be accessed online at www.instantchurchdirectory.com

ALTAR PLANTS DURING ADVENT – If you would like to dedicate plants for the Altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. Each plant is \$40. In December there is one vase available for 28th. (we go back to flowers). **Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday, December 14 – Rose Sunday
- Sunday, December 21 Blue Christmas Service at 4:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve, December 24 – Services at 4:30 and 9:00 p.m. Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER LIST

Dick Anderson (Req. by Edie Hofmann), **Ridgie Barnett** (Parishioner), **John Burke** (Req. by Norma Jeanne Okula), **Amanda Cacoperdo** (Req. by Tim Feil), **Candace F. Cerretani** (Catharine Nobiletti’s sister), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Julia Cloppse** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Abby Connett** (Req. by Nancy Connett), **Dana Davis** (Req. by Rosanna Davis), **George Degener** (Req. by Fr. Chris), **Estrella Farijian** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Ryan Fay** (Req. by Jennifer Kast), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart’s grandson), **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart’s Sister), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Debra Wolgemuth Jarashow**, (Req. by Elizabeth Wolgemuth), **Nancy Jones** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris’ Parents), **Karen** (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa’s Nephew), **Warren McCann** (Kate Gabrielsen’s son-in-law), **Fred Meyer**, (Parishioner), **Jeanette Navas** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Jesse O’Neil** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Andrew Ortega** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Nick Raftis**, (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), **Rosemary Rees**, (Victoria Garcia’s sister), **Tom Simson** (Parishioner), **Allison Skinner** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia.).

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, Cameron Garcia, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner, James Mercready and Midshipman 4th Class Luke Williamson



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Church Services

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
Sundays 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed)
The first “Sunday” of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

Thursday Services

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris’ Office
8:00 PM Compline via zoom

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 Very Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski

Rector of Saint Mark's

Priest-in-Charge of the Church of the Atonement, Quogue

Dean of the Peconic Deanery

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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*

Tom Horan – *Warden*

Steve DeCaro – *Warden*

Vestry Members:

(Class of 2026) Rich Caccavano, Marjorie Kulesa, Steve Turner

(Class of 2027) Diane Feil, John Kern, Sandy Wyman

(Class of 2029) Tom Hadlock, Madeline Glover, Norma-Jeanne Okula

Thomas Simson – *Treasurer*

Carol Fitton – *Clerk of the Vestry*

