



Welcome to
SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

December 24, 2023 at 5 & 9 PM

The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

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

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

VF—Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

*--A Parishioner's Favorite Hymn Pick

Please silence all cell phones

Notes on this Evening's Service

Welcome to Saint Mark's! Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We welcome people of every race and tongue and faith to this celebration. We invite you to participate fully and to join us in rejoicing at the birth of the one who is the fulfillment of the deepest and best hopes of all people and all faiths. Luke describes Jesus' birth with the song of angels and the shepherds who were the first to learn of that birth and the first to come to see the infant. In those days shepherds were a despised group rejected by most people. Luke's inclusion of them in the story stresses that God has come for all people, high and low, rich and poor. Centuries earlier, Isaiah had foreseen the coming of the Messiah as the establishment of God's reign. This event would summon all people into God's Kingdom and make of them "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord." In story, song, word, and sacrament we celebrate the coming of God into the world and renew our own place in the story of God's salvation of all of humanity.

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God's People Gather Together

Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful

Hymnal 83 verses 1-3



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,



1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?



Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Station at the Christmas Crèche

V. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

R. *And we beheld his glory.*

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal Word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that as he humbled himself to be clothed with our humanity, so we may be found worthy, in him, to be clothed with his divinity; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We continue with "O come, all ye faithful" **verse 6**

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing; Refrain:*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Christmas Eve

Celebrant: **T**o a people longing for hope and yearning for deliverance, the prophet Isaiah declared, The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:2, 6*)

LEM Tonight, we come seeking hope, peace, joy, and love, and we find these things in a child. God made flesh as a baby in a manger. A baby who is both the beginning and the end of our salvation, who dwells with us even now, our Emmanuel, God with us.

ALL ***We live as people in the in-between who celebrate the arrival of the Light that shines in lost and broken places as we wait for the day when we will live in the fullness of God's kin-dom.***

Celebrant We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, our just peace, our fierce joy, the love that transforms us, and Jesus Christ, our wondrous Light. May the Light burning in our hearts guide us, comfort us, protect us, and tend us in all seasons and circumstances, reminding us that day and night, in the light and in the darkness, God is with us. Our salvation has come! ***Amen.***

Light all five candles of the Advent wreath.

Advent Wreath Hymn – Candle of Hope by The Rev'd Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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

***The Christ candle's light that shines for us here
Tells out the good news that God has come near!
God came, a poor baby, in one time and place,
To show all creation the wealth of God's grace.***

Biblical References: Matthew 24:36-44, Mark 13:24-37; Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 1:68-79; Isaiah 2:4; Luke 1:46b-55; John 3:16-17; Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20; John 1:1-14; Titus 3:4-7 Tune: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784; until recently attributed to Johann Michael Haydn ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!")

Alternate tune: HANOVER, William Croft, Supplement to the New Version, 1708 ("Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim")

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Celebrant + Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant and People say the Collect for Purity

***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.***

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Collect for Christmas

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

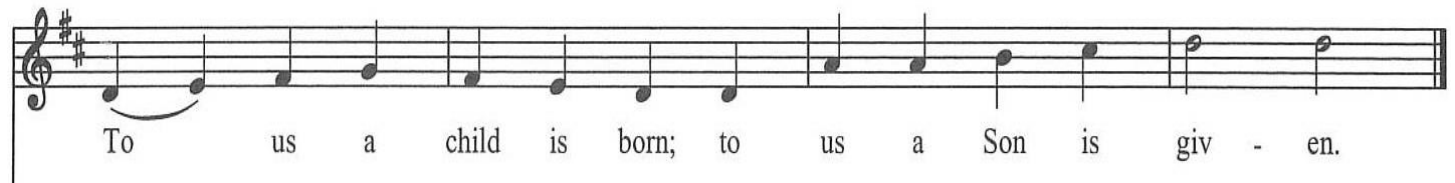
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 97 *Dominus Regnavit*

At the beginning, the Antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, and then by the congregation.



¹ The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

² Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. *Antiphon:*

³ A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

⁴ His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid. *Antiphon:*

¹¹ Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name. *Antiphon:*

The Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleas'd as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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



In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Sermon

Fr. Chris Jubinski

+ 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 Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together,

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
+ the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayers of the People *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Celebrant: As we join the angels and shepherds to celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation, saying: Holy God, ***be born in us today.***

LEM: For the Church in all places, remembering especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and William our bishops, and for Chris our priest. We pray that our worship and praise may give glory to God, and our witness and ministry bring new hope to many. Holy God, ***be born in us today.***

For this Parish Family, that we, like the angels, may announce the good news of God's saving love and be instruments of peace to all who walk the human journey with us. Holy God, ***be born in us today.***

For people of faith everywhere, that God's spirit will open new pathways of peace and hope to all who live in danger and fear. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

For those who live and work in places of trouble and violence, especially for the people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Armenia, and the United States, that the Prince of Peace will guide all hearts to strive for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

For all those who are caring for others this Christmas season, that God will strengthen and protect healthcare workers, public safety and utility workers, and those who care for the poor and vulnerable. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

For all who find Christmas difficult, for those whose lives are touched by fear, anxiety, or depression, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering those on our prayer list. (*You are invited to offer up prayers for any need or concern.*) We pray that Christ will bring healing, light, and hope to their hearts. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

For all the blessings God has given us, that we may receive them thankfully and rejoice that Christ is born again in our hearts and lives. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

For those who have died, remembering especially Fran Graham, Katherine Wyper, and all those in whose memory the Christmas flowers and decorations are given. (*You are invited to name those you wish to have remembered.*) May they rejoice in the light of God's incarnate Word. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

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

All: Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity. Glory to God in the Highest and peace among those whom God favors. Amen.

Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:6*)

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

Announcements

The people sit.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem

O, holy night – *Sung by Scott Wesley*

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every gen-er - a - tion. Praise

God, all crea-tures here be-low, who gives to us sal - va - tion. Praise

God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Let

all cre - a - tion praise the Lord with love and ad - or - a - tion.

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

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

+ Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

**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.

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

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always. Amen.

Communion Norms—*We welcome our guests this evening. 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.*



Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Post-communion Prayer (Church of England)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

The people kneel as they are able.

Hymn

Silent Night

Hymnal 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts — sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace.
born!
birth.

Sleep
Christ,
Je - sus,

in
the
Sa - vior,
Lord,

hea - ven - ly
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Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
 Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

Blessing for Christmas (*Church of England*)

The priest blesses the people, saying

May the joy of the angels,
 the eagerness of the shepherds,
 the perseverance of the wise men,
 the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
 and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas;
 and the blessing of God Almighty:
 + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
 be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
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 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
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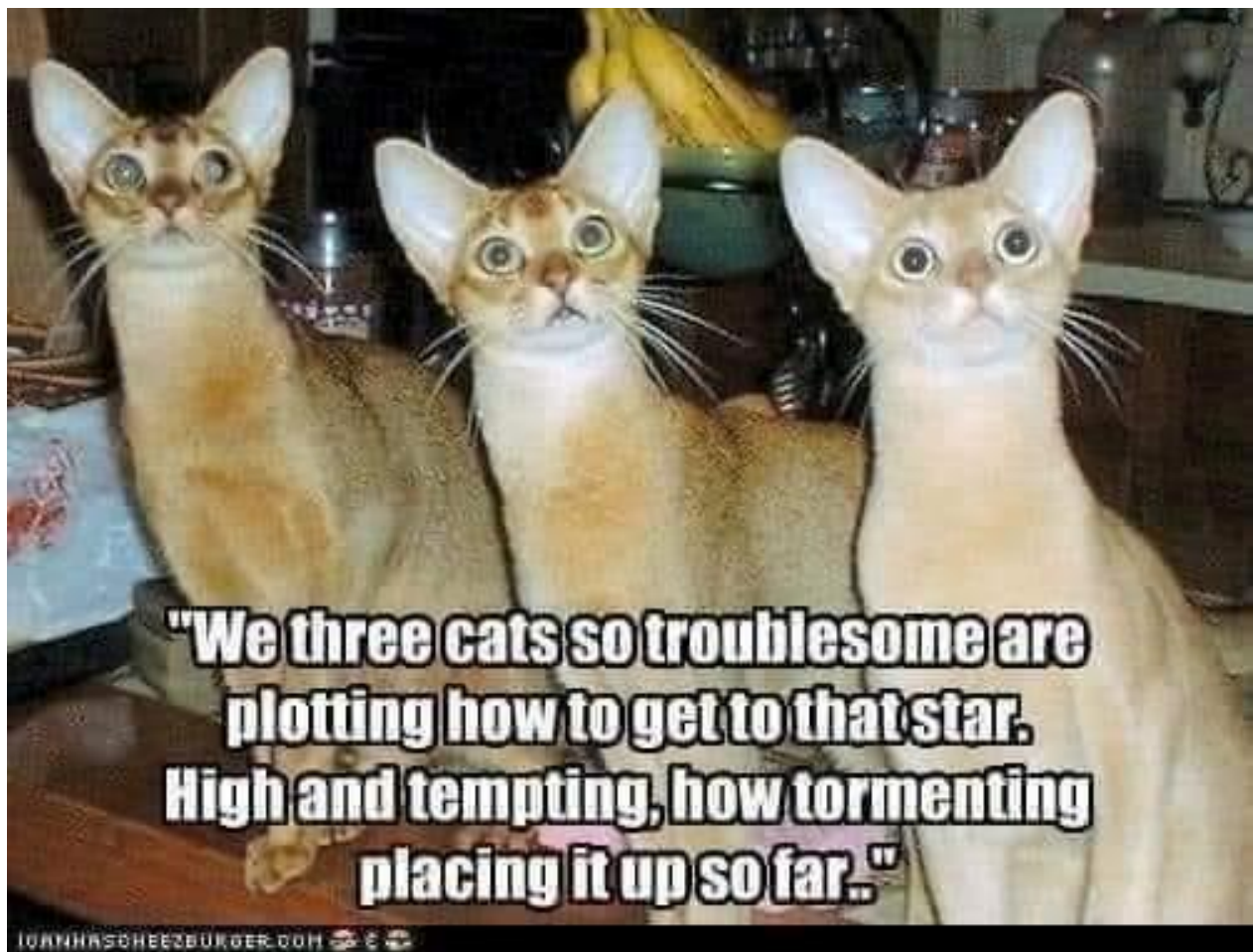
heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Dismissal

*Celebrant
People*

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude





THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Monday, 12/25** **9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service - No Coffee Hour**
Christmas Day **Parish Office Closed thru January 2nd**
- Wednesday, 12/27** 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting (Atwater Room)
- Saturday, 12/30** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Winter Farmer's Market (Parish Hall)
- Sunday, 12/31** 9:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols in the Church with Brunch following in the Parish Hall
New Year's Eve

Participating in Today's Service	
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.	
LEM	Rob Perdock
Lector	Tom Hadlock
Usher	Pete Williams & Sandy Wyman
Altar Guild	Victoria Garcia
NO COFFEE HOUR	
<u>December Birthdays</u>	
Carol Smith	12/06
Rob Perdock	12/08
Ashley Lueck	12/11
Pamela Kern	12/12
Spencer Moyle	12/13
Trevor Moyle	12/13
Richard Caccavano	12/18
Michael Warner	12/18
Elizabeth Horan	12/23
Jennifer Marwood	12/24
<u>December Anniversaries</u>	
Larry & Candace Andria	12/07
Bill & Madeline Glover	12/19
Steve & Donna Turner	12/30

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 12/17 8:00 am 25
 Sunday 12/17 10:00 am 56
 Total: **81**

(38 Households prayed with us online)

12/21 Advent Study **6**
 12/21 Healing Service **3**
 12/17 Blue Christmas **11**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 12/24 5:00 p.m.** Family Christmas Service
 with Brass Quintet
- 9:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service
- 12/25 9:00 a.m.** Christmas Day Service
- 12/31 9:00 a.m.** Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist followed by Brunch

The Church Office will be closed from Monday, December 25th thru Monday, January 1st, 2024. Staff will return to the office Wednesday, January 3rd. Father Chris will be away until late on December 30. In case of emergency, please call Diane Stewart or Sandy Wyman.

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year End Donations - All donations must be postmarked by 12/31 in order to count for your 2023 taxes. Thank you for your generous support of St. Mark's throughout this past year!

Pardon our mess while we give birth to a new pipe organ. We have purchased a pipe organ from Saint Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Buffalo, NY. The project is expected to be completed around Easter 2024.

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

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

Altar Flowers - If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. In January there are two vases available January 14 & 28 and one vase available on the 7th and 21st. The vases are \$40.00 each.

Mark Your Calendar:

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

January 6 – 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Echart's Luncheonette

February 11 - 6:00 p.m. Chili Cookoff and Superbowl Party

February 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Time TBD)

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), **John Saladino** (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, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.

The Rosemary of Remembrance on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Fr. Chris & Carol Jubinski in thanksgiving for their parish family and by Pete & Lori Williams dedicated to their family and all the blessings received by God.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS AND DEDICATIONS FOR 2023

Candace & Larry Andria dedicated to the beloved past and present of our community

Laura & Geoffrey Bott in loving memory of Geoff Bott, -Millie Oliver, & George & Charlotte Mooney

Jennifer & George Kast dedicated to our children Eleanor & Campbell

Diane & Tim Feil in loving memory of Marilyn Feil, Herman Riha, Marion Riha, Alice Beach, Harry Beach, William Brevoort, Valerie Brevoort, Walter Dunn & Doris Dunn

Kate Gabrielsen in loving memory of her sister Diane & her parents Flora & Fred Gabrielsen

Victoria Garcia in loving memory of Joye & Ashley Rees, Edith & Fred Garcia, Ruth Gooch & Nora Rees

Dick Gardner in loving memory of Lyn Gardner, Amy Gardner & Frances Ryan

Susan & Richard Hawkins in loving memory of all our loved ones who have gone before us

Janet, Tim, Julie, Sarah & Timothy Jurgielewicz remembering Claire & Mario Scopinich for their boundless love and support

Ron & Jennifer Marwood in loving memory of David Maurice Jones, David Marwood, Walter & Muriel Jones, Louis & Bernice Marwood & James John Romeo

Judy McDermott in loving memory of James McDermott

Barbara Pettus in loving memory of Mary G. Crolius & John S. Wyper

Sundy & Michael Schermeyer in loving memory of the Andon Family, Arma, Ruth, Gail, Gary, Ash, Anais, Finlay, Dr. Richard & Marjorie Schermeyer & Michael Ross

Carol Smith in loving memory of my husband Leonard R. Smith

John & Diane Stewart in loving memory of our parents Andrew & Sophie Jelsik & David & Rosemary Duncan

Donna & Steve Turner in loving memory of the Taylor family & Martin family

Peter & Lori Wiliams in loving memory of Peter's parents Kenneth & Cecelia Wiliams, Lori's father Joseph J. Marullo, Lori's grandmother Viola Hodgdon & Angelo Buzzeo

John Kern in loving memory of Sheila M. Kern, John D. Kern, Sr., Dorothy J. Nigro, and C. Renee Harris

The McLean-Lueck Family in loving memory of Marilyn Grace McLean, Anita & Malcolm McLean, and Homer & Anne Grole

The Jubinski Family in loving memory of Gillian Marie Jubinski (*Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter*), Dustin Joseph Kennedy, Jr. (*Fr. Chris & Carol's grandson*), Gwendolyn & William Jones (*Carol's parents*), Margaret & Willis Imes (*Carol's grandparents*), Dorothy & William Jones (*Carol's grandparents*), Hazel & Clarence Sinn (*Fr. Chris' grandparents*), Ann & Joseph Jubinski (*Fr. Chris' grandparents*), and Gregory Sinn (*Fr. Chris' uncle*)





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Sunday Services

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

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*

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

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

The Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski—*Rector*

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Chris Adams—*Facilities Manager*

Rosanna Davis—*Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool*

Diane Stewart—*Warden*

Sandy Wyman—*Warden*

Vestry Members:

Steve DeCaro, Diane Feil, Madeline Glover

Tom Hadlock, Tom Horan, Marjorie Kulesa,

Ashley Lueck, Barbara Pettus and Steve Turner.

Thomas Simson—*Treasurer*

Carol Fitton—*Clerk of the Vestry*

