



Welcome to
SAINT MARK'S

The First Sunday of Advent, Year B
December 3, 2023 at 8:00 & 10:00 AM

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

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

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

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

VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

Please silence your cell phone

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

Prelude

God's People Gather Together

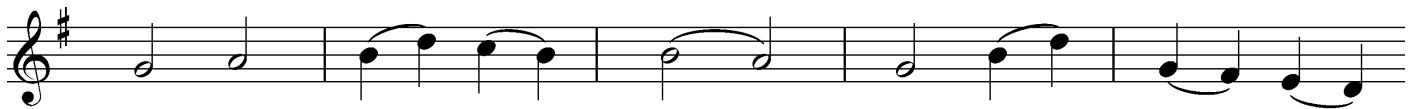
Processional Hymn

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Hymn 57



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Week One is HOPE

Celebrant In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (*Isaiah 64:1-3*)

LEM In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come” (*Mark 13:35*).

All *We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.*

Celebrant We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

The Advent Wreath Hymn – Candle of Hope

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

The candle of hope we light in this hour

Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.

We wait for a future, now hidden from view,

When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

Celebrant + Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

Collect for Purity

(BCP p. 355)

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion

(at 8:00 a.m.)

(BCP p.354)

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

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Liturgy of St. Chrysostom

Fernando Ortega or Fred Read

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Voice

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

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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 First Sunday of Advent

(BCP p. 211)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 64:1-9

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

¹**O** that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

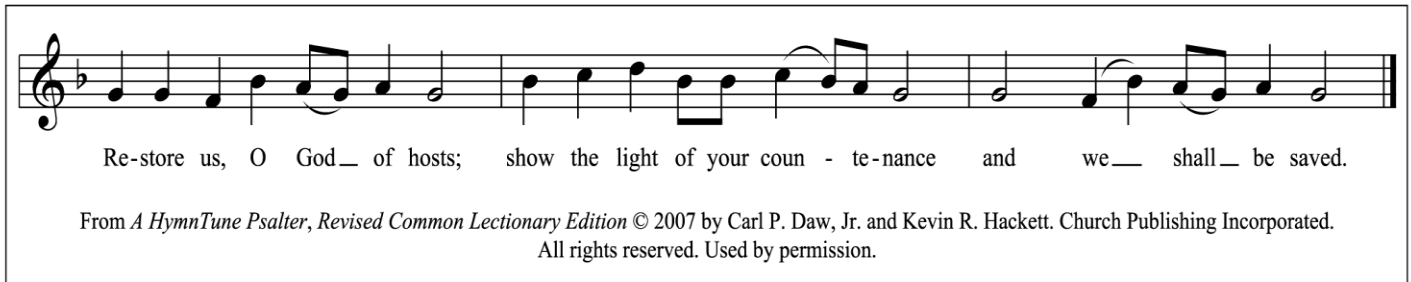
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

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

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



Re-store us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

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- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. [Antiphon]
- ³ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁴ O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? [Antiphon]
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- ⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. [Antiphon]
- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

Open Wide Your Heavens!
CRANHAM Irregular ("In The Bleak Midwinter")

- 1. Open wide your heavens! Let your name be known!
So the world will know, Lord, we are not alone.
You who once did awesome deeds — show your presence here!
Open wide your heavens! Let us know you're near.*
- 2. In this Advent season, Lord, we wait and pray:
Why do you seem hidden? Are you far away?
Though your faithfulness is sure, we have often sinned;
Like the leaves we're fading, carried by the wind.*

3. *Carried by our culture, we seek more and more;
As we long to prosper, we forget the poor.
As we yearn for earthly things, we forget your name.
Open wide your heavens! Make us whole again.*

4. *Lord, you are the potter; we are simply clay.
Take the lives we offer; mold us more each day.
In this holy Advent time, show us all anew:
You reach out and bless us, when we wait for you.*

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The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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



Jesus said, ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

As salvation draws near, let us be awake, alert, and watchful for the One who has come and will come into our lives, saying: Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Lay Eucharistic Minister

For the Church: especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, and for Chris our priest, that while surrounded by the darkness of selfishness, jealousy, and greed, we may live as children of light and show God's love to those around us. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that in our worship and work we may live together in joyful hope. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For peace in all troubled places, that God will teach the hearts of all the human family to turn swords into plows and resources for war into healing and development. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all who are burdened by the cares of life, that they may always be ready to welcome Christ wherever he reveals himself. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*

For all who are busy and hurried, for refugees and travelers who are separated from homeland or family, for those who await God's healing & blessing, remembering especially the people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Armenia, the United States, and those on our prayer list. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* May they find God's care and compassion as others reach out to them. Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves in this Advent time of waiting, that we may be thankful for all the blessings we enjoy and seek ways to share them with others. Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who have died. *(The people may add petitions for those they wish to remember.)* May they walk in the light of the Lord. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(The people may name their own thanksgivings.)* We give thanks for the continued release of hostages in Gaza. We also give thanks to God this week for Carol Smith and Rob Perdock who are celebrating their birthday and for Larry & Candace Andria who are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Carol and Rob 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 Candace Andria in Celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary and by Carol Johns with gratitude for all the blessings in my life remembered and forgotten.

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

ALL: *O God of Jacob for whom we long, hear our prayers and keep us ever watchful, that when Christ our Savior comes we may welcome him with joy and gladness. This we ask in his most holy Name. 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.***

Anointing and Prayers for Healing

All are welcome to come forward. Please tell Fr. Chris if you have any special prayer requests.

Once all have been anointed, the officiant says,

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***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*

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

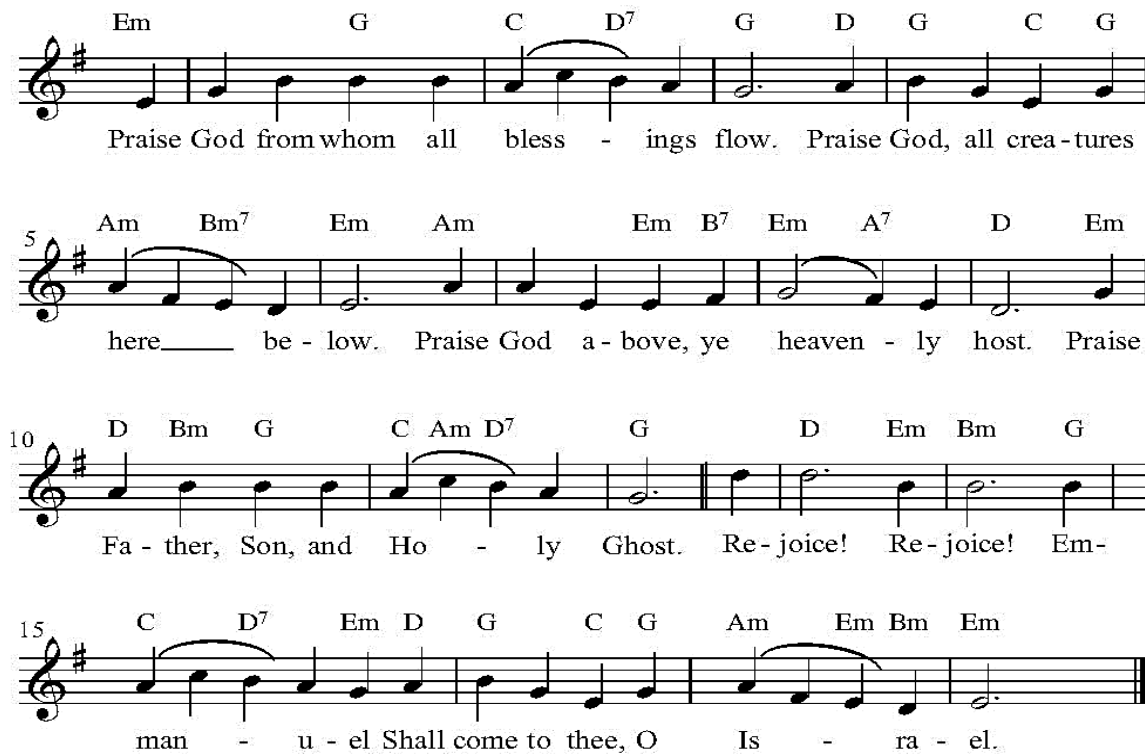
1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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.

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Music: 15th Century French

VENI EMMANUEL
LM with Refrain

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The Holy Communion

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

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.***

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor tongue told
of a glory like yours, Lord God,
for you are the potter and we the clay, and you fashioned us in your image.
Though the pot was broken in your hands
in the exile of your people and the rejection of your Son,
you made an even more wondrous vessel
out of agony and estrangement.

In Jesus you glorify your chosen people
 and inaugurate your church to be his body in the world.
 In his death the pot was broken once and for all,
 but in his resurrection you refashioned a new pot from the same clay
 to feed your people for ever.

And so we gladly thank you,
 joining with the company of angels and archangels
 and all the host of heaven in their 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.)

S-130

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and 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 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 melody. There are several measures with rests in the vocal lines, indicating where the voices are silent.

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

Ever-present God, your prophets longed
 that you would tear the heavens and come down;
 and in your Son Jesus Christ you have come down
 and filled the earth
 with the splendor of your dwelling amongst us.
 In him you were present to friend and stranger,
 the intrigued and the suspicious, the betrayer and the bereft.

Come down now in the power of your Holy Spirit
 upon this bread and cup and make them be for us
 the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

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

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

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Word of life, though heaven and earth will pass a way,
your words will never pass away.
As you feed us with this living bread,
strengthen those who wonder if they can survive this day;
restore any who are downtrodden and heavy-laden;
visit all who are forsaken and alone.

Open the window of your heaven,
that your church may glimpse the hope of your glory
and your world may be transfigured by the light of your truth,
until that day when heaven finally comes to earth,
when your Son returns on the clouds
and your Spirit infuses your creation
with resurrecting grace,
and you are all in all, one God, now and for ever.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread – Agnus Dei

S-164

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

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

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

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

(BCP p. 364)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. *Amen.*



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

Communion Hymn

Have thine own way, Lord!

LEVAS 145

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! _____
2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! _____
3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! _____
4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, _____
2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, _____
3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! _____
4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see _____

1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. _____
2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. _____
3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

The Announcements



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

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, 12/04	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, 12/05	12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday, 12/06	7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting in Atwater Room
Thursday, 12/07	10:00 a.m. Advent Study – An Unlikely Advent 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers in the Atwater Room
Friday, 12/08	7:00 p.m. Bright Beginnings Staff Party
Saturday, 12/09	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Farmer's Market in the Parish Hall
Sunday, 12/10	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Participating in Today's Service	
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	
LEM	Carol Laube
Lector	Dick Gardner
Usher	Steve Turner
Altar Guild	Diane Stewart, Virginia Gilmore
Coffee Hour	Diane Stewart
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.	
LEM	John Kern
Lector	Deni McChesney
Ushers	Rich Caccavano, Bill Glover
Altar Guild	Laura Bott, Louise Reeves
Coffee Hour	Diane Stewart
December Birthdays	
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
December Anniversaries	
Larry & Candace Andria	12/07
Bill & Madeline Glover	12/19
Steve & Donna Turner	12/30

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!

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 11/26 8:00 am **18**

Sunday 11/26 10:00 am **35**

Total: **53**

(53 Households prayed with us online)

11/30 Advent Study **8**

11/30 Healing Service **6**

11/23 Wedding: **26**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

12/24 9:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Service in the Parish Hall)

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Can you decorate a wreath? We have 11 wreaths hanging in the Parish Hall. Folks are invited to take one home, decorate it any way you like and return then to be rehung in the Parish Hall again.

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

Prayers for Healing—On the first Sunday of each month, Fr. Chris will offer anointing and prayers for healing during both services.

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

Noonday or Evening Prayer? We would like to introduce a once-a-week service via zoom to build parish community. Please let us know if you would participate and if you prefer a Noonday or evening service.

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

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

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

Mark Your Calendar:

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

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

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: **Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **David Fridae**, **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Jason Gordon** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Cathy Jones** (Farmers Market), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris' Parents), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), **Fred Meyer** (Parishioner), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Sudie Nostrand** (Carol John's Sister), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Joan Petrella** (Parishioner), **Jean Scopinich** (Parishioner), **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **John Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Marilyn Dorsa** (Req. by Drew Clark), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Christina Kouris** (Req. by Sandy Wyman), **Wilfred Funk** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Rebekah Lessard** (req. by Jinny Gilmore) and **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 plants on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Candace Andria in Celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary and by Carol Johns with gratitude for all the blessings in my life remembered and forgotten.



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Sunday Services

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

Thursday Midweek Service

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

Office Hours

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

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

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

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*

