



*Welcome to*  
**SAINT MARK'S**

**The Third Sunday of Advent, Year A**

**DECEMBER 13, 2025 at 5:00 P.M**

**DECEMBER 14, 2025 at 9:30 A.M**

**"Rose Sunday"**

+ --*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)*

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Welcome to Saint Mark's Church. The Third Sunday of Advent again has as its central theme the ministry of John the Baptist. Jesus said of him, "Among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist...." In today's Gospel, John, who has been imprisoned by Herod Antipas, is facing death and wishes to know before he dies that he was correct in identifying Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus' reply is to quote from the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah, demonstrating that he is indeed fulfilling the Messiah's ministry as Isaiah had foretold. The Old Testament reading is the passage Jesus quotes in the Gospel reading. The sign of the Messiah is a new order of existence -- God's Kingdom -- in which health and salvation spring forth. The second reading is a call to patient waiting for the Lord to appear to inaugurate the Kingdom of God. The distinction between John and even the least in the Kingdom -- ourselves -- who are even greater, is that our birth is more than natural -- it is the new birth by water and the spirit in Holy Baptism, which has made us members of the Body of Christ. We are commissioned for ministry in Baptism; a ministry like that of Jesus. In Holy Eucharist, we affirm our commitment to that ministry to all people, which is the ongoing sign of Christ in the world.

Prelude

# God's People Gather Together

Processional Hymn

*Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

Hymn 68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Week Three is JOY

*Celebrant* When God's people were surrounded by hardship, suffering, and grief, Isaiah proclaimed, The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of faint spirit (*Isaiah 61:1-3a*).

*LEM* We come today as people who are also surrounded by suffering and grief. And yet, the Spirit hovers among us, tending and anointing, inspiring freedom where there is captivity, declaring blessing in places the world has cursed, and igniting fierce joy where mourning and heartache prevail.

*All* *We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.*

*Celebrant* We light this candle as a sign of our shocking **hope**, just **peace** and fierce **joy**. May our lives shine with the fierce, tenacious joy of the Light who lives in our hearts as we wait and work for the coming of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

*Light three candles of the Advent wreath. If your Advent wreath includes a pink or rose candle, light that candle today.*

## The Advent Wreath Hymn – Candle of Joy

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

*The candle of **Joy** reminds us to sing,  
For God is at work to do a new thing,  
The proud will be humbled, the lowly will rise,  
God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.*

*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

$\text{♩} = 65$

Vo. Ho - ly God Ho - ly and migh-ty -

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

10 Vo. mer - cy on us. Ho - ly God

15 Vo. Ho - ly and migh - ty - ty, Ho - ly Im -

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

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*       *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*     Together, let us pray.

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## **The Word of God**

**First Reading**     *Isaiah 35:1-10*

*Lector*        A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

**T**he wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea***

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



- <sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
*whose hope is in the LORD their God;*
- <sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
*who keeps his promise for ever;*
- <sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
*and food to those who hunger. Antiphon:*
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
*the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;*
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
*he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.*
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
*your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! Antiphon:*

**Sequence Hymn**

*Are You the One Who Is To Come?*  
ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6 ("O Little Town of Bethlehem")

- "Are you the one who is to come?" John bravely asked the Lord.  
John knew the hope he'd counted on And sought a guiding word.  
So Jesus gave this answer: Tell what you hear and see!  
Tell John about the sick and poor – How God has set them free!*
- "Are you the one we're longing for" – The name above all names?  
We hear each day a thousand words That make competing claims:  
"Buy this and you'll be happy!" "Find meaning here or there!"  
But Lord, these other things we seek Lead only to despair.*

3. *"Are you the only one we need?" Remind your church anew  
That in the midst of sin and greed Our joy is serving you.  
In you we still see wonders As peace replaces fear;  
You heal the sick, lift up the poor And bring your kingdom here.*

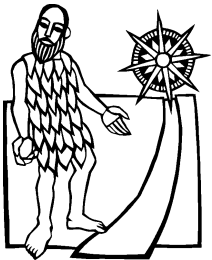
*Biblical Reference: Matthew 11:2-11 Tune: Lewis Henry Redner, 1868 ("O Little Town of Bethlehem") Text: Copyright © 2010 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.*

## The Gospel

**Matthew 11:2-11**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***



When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*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* **A**s we wait with joy for the glory of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who opens the eyes of the blind and preaches good news to the poor, 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 always proclaim to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, and do not fear!” Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For this parish family, that we may wait patiently for the fulfillment of God’s promise to us and rely on God’s love in all things. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For an end to war and healing for the nations, that violence and bloodshed may cease, the innocent may be sheltered, terrorism ended, and peace be established in the hearts of all. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*



For government officials and leaders, that God's Spirit will guide their work, help them to recognize and speak the truth, and open them to new ways of addressing the issues of immigration, poverty and hunger. Come, O Holy one, *and save us.*

For openness of heart, that we may recognize God in the prophets, experiences and unexpected events of our lives. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For those everywhere who suffer from the power of nature, those whose lives are impacted by senseless violence, 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 know the comforting and healing presence of God. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For those who have died *(The people may add petitions either silently or aloud.)* We pray that they may come to Zion singing for joy and gladness. Come, O Holy One, *and save us.*

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for Spencer & Trevor Moyle, Woods Strain, Rich Caccavano, and Michael Warner who are celebrating their birthdays and for Bill & Madeline Glover and Jon & Catherine Strain who are celebrating the anniversary of their marriages.

*For a Birthday - O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on Spencer, Trevor, Woods, Rich and Michael 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 Bill & Madeline and Jon & Catherine 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 Kate Gabrielsen in loving memory of her sister Diane on her birthday and by Tony & Betty Ann Catanzaro in celebration of Woods' birthday.

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 come, Son of David, hear our prayers this day, open our eyes to your presence and awaken our hearts to sing your praise with joy, that we may announce in word and deed the good news of your reign. Glory to you forever. 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*

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!"                    A        voice    a - stounds            us,        the  
 2 Zi - on hears                    the        watch - men    sing -            ing;        her  
 3 Lamb of God,                    the        heavens    a - dore            you;        let

shout    of    ram - part - guards    sur - rounds            us:            "A -  
 heart    with    joy - ful    hope    is    spring -            ing,        she  
 saints    and    an - gels    sing    be - fore            you,        as

wake,    Je - ru - sa - lem,    a - rise!"        Mid - night's peace        their  
 wakes    and    hur - ries    through    the night.        Forth he comes,        her  
 harps    and    cym - bals    swell    the sound.        Twelve great pearls,        the

cry    has    bro - ken,    their    ur - gent sum - mons    clear - ly spo -  
 Bride-groom    glo - rious    in    strength of grace,    in    truth vic - to -  
 ci - ty's    por - tals:    through    them    we stream    to    join    the im - mor -

ken:            "The        time        has        come,        O        maid - ens wise!  
 rious:        her        star        is        risen,        her        light        grows bright.  
 tals        as        we        with        joy        your        throne        sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

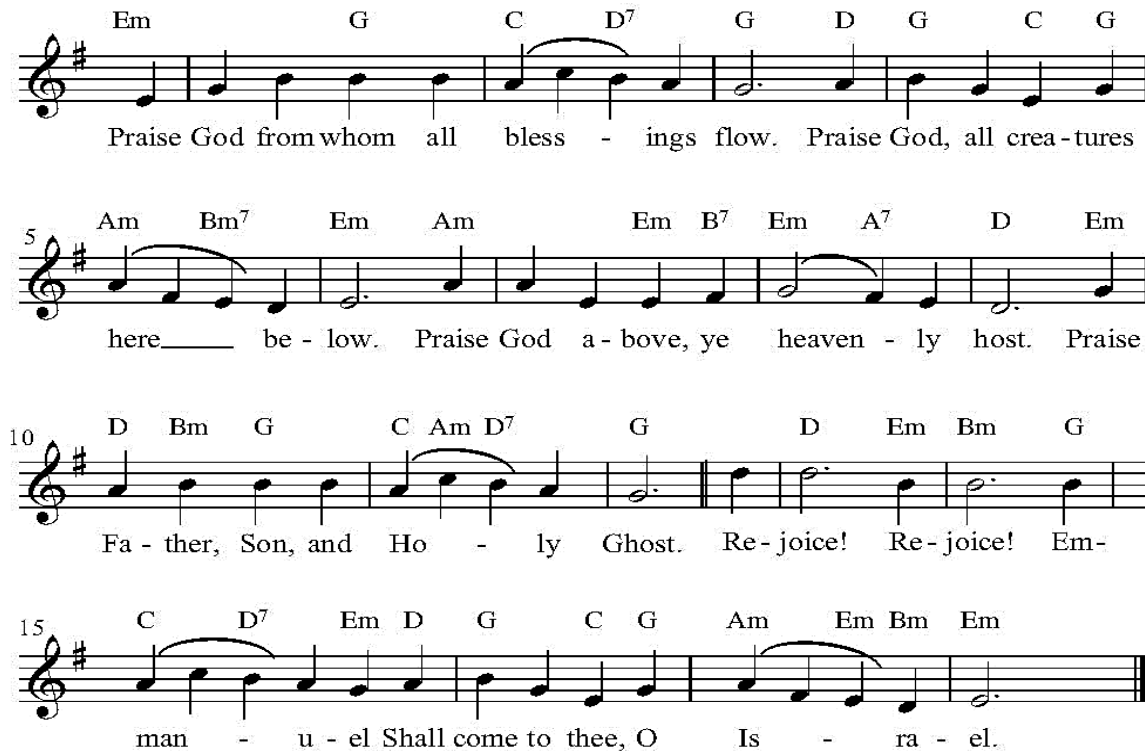
## The Presentation of Gifts

*(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 D<sup>7</sup> G D G C G  
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm<sup>7</sup> Em Am Em B<sup>7</sup> Em A<sup>7</sup> D Em  
here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D<sup>7</sup> G D Em Bm G  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D<sup>7</sup> Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em  
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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

VENI EMMANUEL  
LM with Refrain

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## The Holy Communion

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

*Celebrant* The Lord is here.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Blessed are you, Lord God of time and eternity, for you have opened the eyes of the blind and unstopped the ears of the deaf; you have made the lame leap like a deer and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

You made this world as a playground of delights and you called a people to be your companions for ever.

In Jesus you showed us who you are, who we are, how far we have strayed from you, and how to become your companions again.

In his death you opened a path for our redemption and in his resurrection you brought us the joy of forgiveness and everlasting life.

And so our souls magnify you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

**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.)**

**S-127**

The musical score is written on five staves in G minor (one flat) 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.

God of blessing, in Jesus you fill the hungry with good things. You bestow mercy from generation to generation. You show us the cost and glory of your salvation in the breaking and pouring and sharing of bread and wine.

Send down your Holy Spirit, that your people may be sanctified by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine may 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.

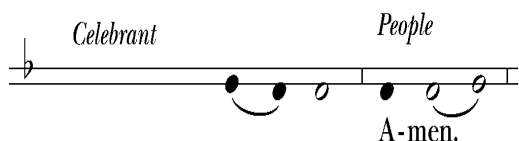
*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Delivering God, we call on you to fulfil your Advent promise.

May waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; make a highway on which no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

Bring home those who are in exile; fill their hearts with singing and shower their heads with everlasting joy.

Unite your church, clothe us with the fruits of your Spirit and fill us with the hope of Advent, the substance of things hoped for and the knowledge of things unseen, until all bow before your throne and worship in your glory, ever one God, 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*

Let this bro - ken bread and shared wine be a  
fore - taste of your king - dom where no one is left be - hind.

*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 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

## The desert shall rejoice

WLP 722

The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose:

1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.  
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.  
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.  
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
as the ransomed return to God  
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
unto Zion we come with joy,  
for our God has come to save us.

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

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.*

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

**M**ay God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal. May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light. May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness; 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 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
 re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
 Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Your glorious banner wave on high  
 the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

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.



**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Monday, 12/15** Office Closed

**Tuesday, 12/16** 6:00 p.m. Vestry Zoom Meeting at the Rectory

**Wednesday, 12/17** 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room  
7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Parish Hall

**Thursday, 12/18** 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  
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting – Fr. Chris' office  
8:00 p.m. Compline via zoom

**Friday, 12/19** 12:30 p.m. Staff Christmas Party

**Saturday, 12/20** 9:00 – 1:00 Winter Market in the Parish Hall  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

**Sunday, 12/21** 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall  
4:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

**Services** **In Person** **On-Line**

12/06 - 5:00 p.m.	20	
12/07 - 9:30 a.m.	53	54
	73	54

12/06 - Graveside Funeral	26
12/06 - Ladies Luncheon	13
12/11- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class	16
12/11 - 11:00 a.m. Healing Service	10
12/04 - 8:00 p.m. Compline	4

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Lawrence & Candace Andria	12/07
William and Madeline Glover	12/19
Stephen & Donna Turner	12/30

**SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. Participants**

LEM/Lector Carol Jubinski  
Usher Pete Williams  
Altar Guild Diane Feil, Susan Hawkins

**SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Participants**

LEM John Kern  
Lector Tom Simson  
Ushers Rich Caccavano, Steve DeCaaro  
Altar Guild Diane Feil, Susan Hawkins  
Coffee Hour Parish Hall

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Alicia Andria	12/02
Carol Smith	12/06
Stephen Sherwood	12/09
Pamela Kern	12/12
Carla Panza	12/12
Spencer and Trevor Moyle	12/13
Richard Caccavano	12/18
Michael Warner	12/18
Matt Vignieri	12/21
Elizabeth Horan	12/23
Jennifer Marwood	12/24
Faith Andria	12/27
Elizabeth Umina	12/30

**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 too!**

**THE  
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CHURCH**

**WELCOMES YOU**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMINDER: Next Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m. is our Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance and Hope. Meditation music begins at 4:00 p.m.**

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES – Please remember to turn in your requests to Laura Bott no later than December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**THE BIBLE AND HANDEL’S MESSIAH** – Our Advent Study has started and meets in the Atwater Room. We 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* +

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**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](mailto: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 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.), **Walter Zalaski** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore).

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Class Luke Williamson



# A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.—Music Begins**

**4:30 p.m.—Service**

Join us for a peaceful worship service for those who struggle with finding the joy of the Christmas season because of a loss due to death, divorce, sickness, or unfortunate and tragic circumstances.

If you are suffering this holiday season, join us for beautiful music, comforting prayer, and inspiring words of Hope.



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Advent & Christmas Service Schedule 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday)

Saturday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 21 at 4:30 p.m. "Blue Christmas Service"

Monday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Brass Quintet

9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Christmas Day

Thursday December 25 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday after Christmas

Saturday, December 27 at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 28 at 9:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols  
with Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Saturday, January 3—NO SERVICE TODAY

Sunday, January 4 at 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

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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*  
Email: [chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org](mailto:chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org)

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*

