

Welcome to  
**ST. MARK'S CHURCH**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022 AT 10 AM

LOVE

+ --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*

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

The tradition of such carol services is now widely observed throughout the world, but its origin is only a little over 100 years old. The first service of this kind was sung in Truro, England in 1880. The first Bishop of Truro, Edward White Benson, became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1883 and was responsible for introducing it into parish churches throughout England.

One of the most noted is the service at King's College, owing largely to the influence of the annual broadcast from Cambridge. In 1919, the second year of the Festival at King's, the service opened with the beautiful children's hymn "Once in Royal David's City" rather than a carol. As harmonized by the then college organist, Dr. A. H. Mann, this hymn has become another of the legacies from King's. Today, in order to "reduce" the tension associated with the live broadcast performance, the opening stanza of that hymn is assigned to one of the boy choristers on the spot! Here at Saint John's while we don't keep our choristers in such suspense, we do encounter this hymn at the beginning of the service.

Thank you for being here to celebrate the season with us – to hear and sing about the loving purpose of God, from Creation to the Incarnation.

# God's People Gather Together

## Prelude

## Processional Hymn

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Hymnal 56 verses 1-3



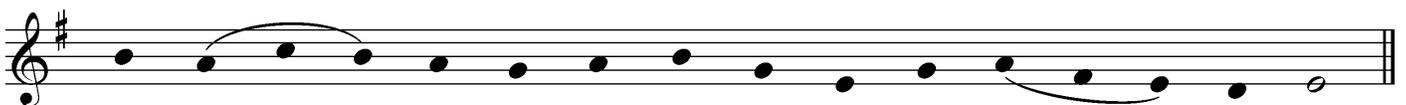
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant:* Today we light the first, second and third and Fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is **HOPE**, the second candle is **PEACE**, the third is **JOY** and the fourth is **LOVE**.

*All candles are lit except for the Christ candle.*

*Scripture:* "John 13:34 – Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

### PRAYER

*Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love, and following the example of your Son, spread that love to the love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen.*

**ADVENT WREATH HYMN** – Fourth Week of Advent (Hymnal 101 Tune: Away In A Manger)

*A candle is burning, a candle of Love; A candle to point us to heaven above. A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth; For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our earth.*

*Celebrant* It is time for us to wake out of sleep, for deliverance is nearer to us now than it was when first we believed. It is far on in the night; day is near. Let us therefore cast off the deeds of darkness and put on our armor as soldiers of the light.

My brothers and sisters, we celebrate at this time the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ. Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

*Celebrant* The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

*Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Word of God

### Lesson One

*Genesis 3: 1-15*

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.' and you will strike his heel."



Hymn

*This is my Father's world*

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Franklin Sheppard, 1915  
Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

1. This\_ is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears, all  
 2. This\_ is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise, the  
 3. This\_ is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. This  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - declare their Mak - er's praise. This  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet. This

is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
 is my Fa - ther's world: he sines in all that's fair; in the  
 is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

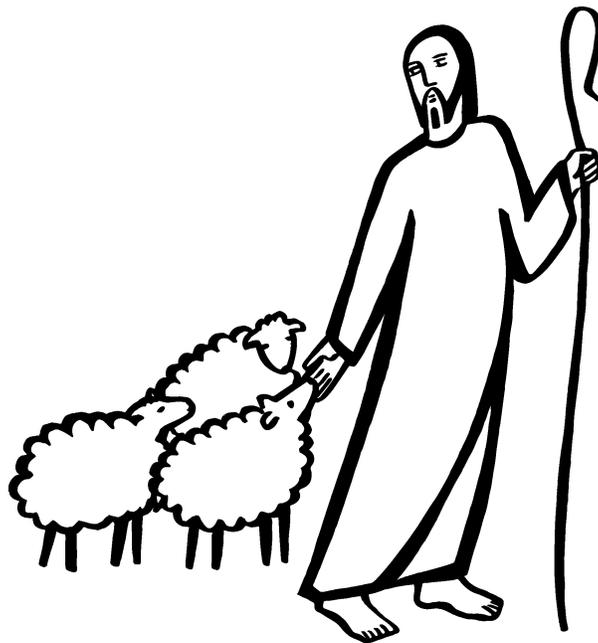
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand\_ the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery where.  
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth\_ and heav'n be one.

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*God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.





1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



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



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



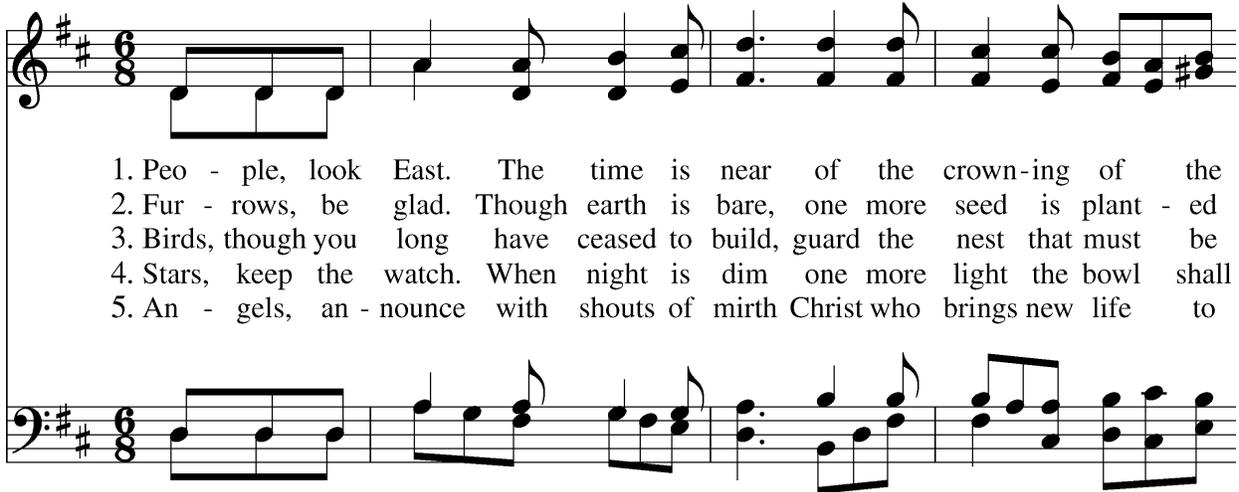
and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

*The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.*

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

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

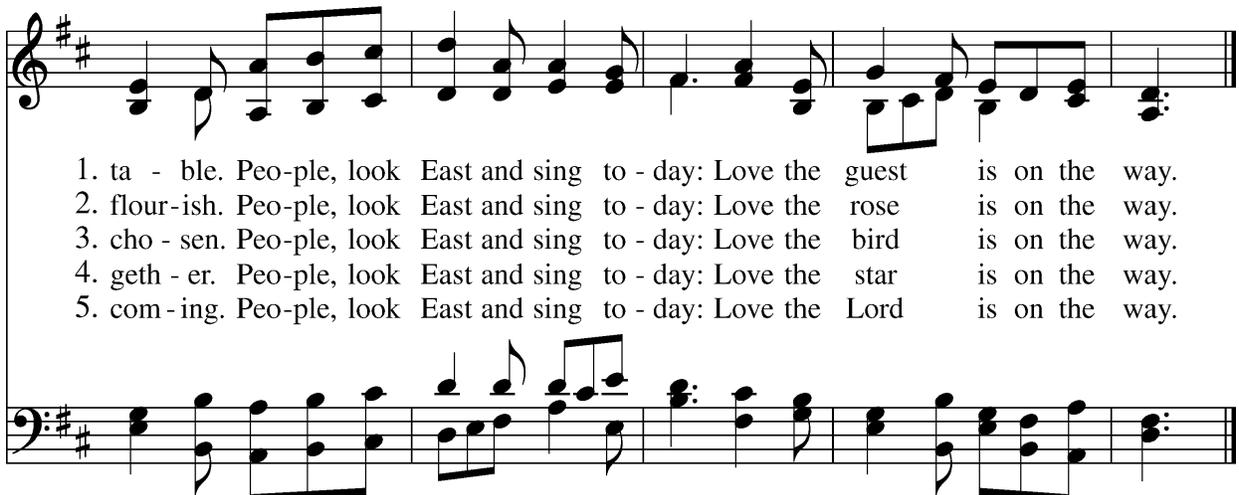




1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

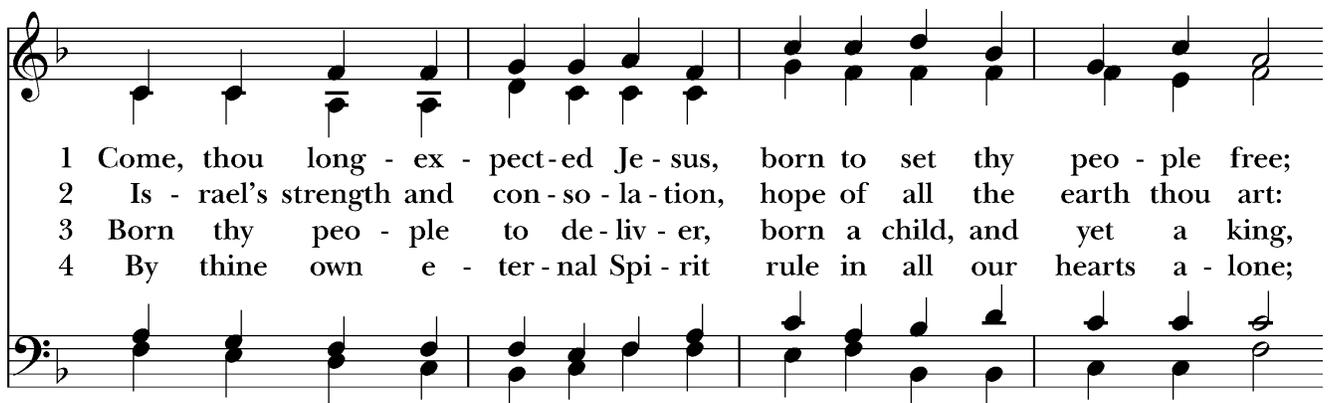
*God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as 'God with Us'.*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

## Hymn

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*

## Hymnal 66 verses 1-3



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home. Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

Hymn

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

Hymnal 265 verses 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

## 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 Nicene Creed

*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 – Litany for 4 Advent *(Written by Fran Pratt)*

*Leader* Creator God, we have celebrated the hope, peace, and joy that come from You. And now we celebrate Love, which is from You, and is Your very nature.

*People* *God is Love.*

*Leader* You formed the universe out of the void, and breathed life into your creatures, all because of your great love.

*People* *In You, we live and move and have our being. We exist because of Your love.*

*Leader* Humanity rejected You. But because of your love you made a way to restore us to relationship with Yourself.

*People* *Love made a way. That love is Jesus Christ.*

*Leader* Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God-With-Us. Born of a virgin girl in a stable, laid in a manger, Jesus entered the world in humility and compassion.

*People* *Jesus lived, was crucified, died, and was resurrected from death, all for love. Love has conquered death.*

*Leader* It is his example we live by: self-sacrificing love. And we know that "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs..."

*People* *"... Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."*

*Leader* May our hearts be illumined with the light of Love....

*People* *And may we share Your love wherever we go. Amen*

*Leader* We pray 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 those on our prayer list. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)*

*Leader* We pray for those who have died. *(The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.)*

*Leader* We pray 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. *(The people may name their thanksgivings at this time.)* We give thanks this week for who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversary.

### **For a Birthday**

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Richard Caccavano, Michael Warner, Elizabeth Horan and Jennifer Marwood 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 and Madeline Glover 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 Confession

*The Celebrant says*

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*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 Absolution

*The Priest says*

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*

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 Presentation of Gifts

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

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching our Worship, a supplement to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.***

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*         *And also with you.*

*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 him thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

### Sanctus

*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.*

### *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, St. Mark, patron of this parish, St. Thomas the Apostle, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Savior 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**

*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.*

*Celebrant* These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Take them, feed on them in your heart and be thankful. **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.*

**Communion Hymn**

*Creator of the stars of night*

**Hymnal 60 verses 1-3**



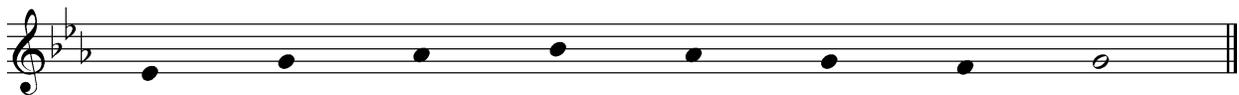
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 \* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

## The Post Communion Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

*Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised savior: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Blessing for the Season of Advent (Church of England)

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and 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 you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## The Announcements



1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

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 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

1.2. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

## The Dismissal for Advent

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

## Postlude

### THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

<i>Monday</i>	(12/19)	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
<i>Tuesday</i>	(12/20)	9:00 a.m. Decorating of the Church 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting at the Rectory
<i>Wednesday</i>	(12/21)	7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting in the Atwater Room
<i>Thursday</i>	(12/22)	10:00 a.m. Advent Book Study in the Rector's Office 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Rector's Office 12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers Choir Practice in the Atwater Room 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline in the Chapel 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Church
<i>Saturday</i>	(12/24)	10:00 a.m. Winter Market in the Parish Hall
<b>Christmas Eve</b>		<b>5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Church</b> <b>9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Church</b>
<i>Sunday</i>	(12/25)	<b>10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service in the Church</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>		

#### Serving Today Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.

*LEM* Virginia Gilmore  
*Lector* Dick Gardner  
*Usher* Pete Williams  
*Altar Guild* Diane Stewart, Virginia Gilmore

#### Serving Today Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

*LEM* John Kern  
*Lector* John Kern  
*Ushers* Rich Caccavano, Paul Okula  
*Altar Guild* Victoria Garcia, Lee Wadelton

Coffee Hour will take place following both the 8 & 10 A.M. services in the Parish Hall.

Congratulations on the Birthdays of Richard Caccavano, Michael Warner, Elizabeth Horan, Jennifer Marwood.

Congratulations on the Anniversary of Bill and Madeline Glover.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, and Michael Keegan.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: Chris Allen, Deana Chiusano, Fred Edwards, Nancy Fraser, Anthony Graviano, Noel Hayes, Barbara Ireton, Cathy Jones, Gretchen & Jim Jubinski, Cole LoRusso, Jock McLean, Sean McLean, Sudie Nostrand, Paul Oele, Cassie Panzarino, Joan Petrella, Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson, Jean Scopinich, Sarah Witters, The Reverend Abigail Murphy, Rosemary Rees, and Cheryl Grove.

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Remembrances** – The Altar Guild welcomes your gifts toward the beautification of the church for the Festival Celebration of the birth of our Lord. The Dedication Form can be found in the narthex and on the table outside of the church office. Today is the deadline for submitting requests. Kindly leave your form and check in Kate Gabrielsen’s mailbox in the computer room. Thank you.

**Christmas Creches/Manger Scenes** – Fr. Chris would once again like to borrow your creches/manger scenes to decorate the windows in the church at Christmas time. Please drop them off at the Parish Office and please make sure to label who they belong to. Our hope is to display one from each family in the parish as a way to share in the birth of Jesus.

**Christmas Basket Auction - The bidding will end following today’s 10 am service.** All proceeds raised will be used toward the installation of a beautiful stone altar in the columbarium to enhance our outdoor services! As always thank you for your support, donations, bids or volunteer time. We very much appreciate your help!

**Advent Book Study** is taking place on Thursday at 10 AM in the Rector’s office and will continue until December 22<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome!

**Mid-Week Services on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Rector’s office and at 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline in the Chapel.**

**Choir Practice** is on **Thursday at 5:30 PM in the church.** The only requirement is the desire to make a joyful noise. For further information contact Stephen Hunt at [stephenhuntmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stephenhuntmusic@gmail.com).

**We Need Your Help on Sunday Mornings as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Acolyte.** Please contact John Kern at [John@jkernlaw.com](mailto:John@jkernlaw.com).

**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](mailto:laura.bott17@gmail.com). Each vase is \$40. There are two vases available for January 8, 15, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. You can find the sign-up book in the front lobby outside of the church office.

**Alanon** now meets at St. Mark’s both in-person and online via zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Atwater Room. Please speak with Fr. Chris if you are interested in joining this group.

**Ways to Help the People of Ukraine...**When the donated non-perishable items were delivered to the Ukrainian Church in Riverhead we were told that what they need right now are bandages, pain killers, burn care products and **new winter clothing**. A complete list is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please help us collect as much of these necessary items as we can. There is a box for them in the narthex. You can also visit our website at [www.stmarkswhb.org](http://www.stmarkswhb.org) **for ways to help.**

**Maureen’s Haven:** “Thank you” for donations to Maureen’s Haven. A box for donations, along with a list of suggested items such as individual containers of non-perishable food, is in the office lobby.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 17 - April 2023: Winter Market in the Parish Hall 10 AM - 2 PM.**

### Our Christmas Services will be as follows

- **Christmas Eve: 5 PM & 9 PM**
- **Christmas Day: 10 AM**
- **(New Year’s Day: 10 AM)**

### Last Week’s Attendance:

Sunday, December 11	8:00 a.m.	15
Sunday, December 11	10:00 a.m.	49 (plus 25 households viewed us online.)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>

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Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
*Both services are followed by Coffee Hour*

## Thursday Services

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing  
5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline

## 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*

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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*