



Welcome to SAINT MARK'S

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

DECEMBER 20, 2025 at 5:00 P.M

DECEMBER 21, 2025 at 9:30 A.M

+ --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. On this final Sunday of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth, the central figures are the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. The Gospel reading is Matthew's account of Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Virgin. It is this Incarnation -- becoming flesh -- of God the Son that unites things earthly with things heavenly. In the quiet obedience of Joseph and Mary, we find the model for Christian living that enables us to be extensions of Christ's Incarnation. In today's reading from Isaiah, the prophet foretells the birth of a child in a passage that the New Testament writers, especially Matthew, considered to be fulfilled in Jesus' birth from Mary. Jesus' descent from David, his birth, his death and resurrection, are Paul's theme in the passage from Romans. That life, death, and resurrection are the source of our new life in Christ, and bring us the grace and power to live in faith and obedience. The liturgy centers on the fact that God comes to us in and through the material world. He came in the flesh of a human mother and lived within a human family. He comes to us now in bread and wine. He comes to the world in our flesh as we live in faithful obedience to him. The pattern for that obedience is the Holy Family of Nazareth for whom we give thanks today.

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You are invited to create quite space in the church before the service to allow others to prepare themselves to meet God in this service.

Prelude

God's People Gather Together

Processional Hymn

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Hymn 66

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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Week Four is LOVE

Celebrant When the angel Gabriel visited Mary, announcing God's plan for her to conceive and give birth to the Messiah, "Mary said to the angel, how can this be, since I am a virgin?" (Luke 1:34), And yet, only a few months later, Mary sings to Elizabeth, My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name (Luke 1:46-49).

LEM We, like Mary, hear God's call to be part of making God's dream for our salvation and flourishing a reality, and we question, "How can this be? I am only...." Yet, like Mary, the "onlys" that make us hesitate are gifts God can and use as God's love transforms us into bearers of good news.

All *We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.*

Celebrant We light these candles as a sign of our shocking hope, just peace and fierce joy and the love that transforms us. May **Love** grow within us, transforming us into bold witnesses of God's salvation with our voices and our lives.
Amen.

Light four candles of the Advent wreath.

The Advent Wreath Hymn — Candle of Love

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

*The candle of love tells what we are worth:
God loves us so much, God came to the earth!
An angel brought news of a child who would be
The one who would save us and set us all free.*

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



Music score for the Liturgy of St. Chrysostom, featuring a Voice part and five Voice parts (Vo.) in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of 65. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God Ho - ly and migh - ty - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy. Have mer - cy on us. Ho - ly God Ho - ly and migh - ty - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy. Have mer - cy on us."

The Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

BCP p. 211)

Celebrant The Lord 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 people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

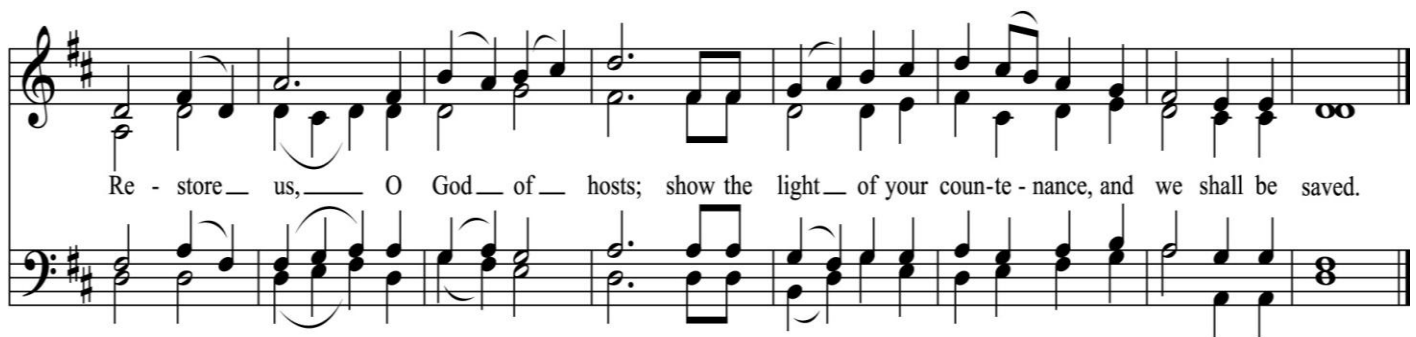
Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 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. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 80: 1-7 *Qui regis Israel*

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



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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:*


Sequence Hymn

Mary, when the angel's voice


VF 64




1 Ma - ry, when the an - gel's voice called you high - ly fa - vored,
 2 Jo - seph, in your dark-est night, an - gel mes - sage hear - ing,
 3 Old and sage E - liz - a - beth, birth an - ti - ci - pat - ing,
 4 God whose name we mag - ni - fy, all your child-ren mat - ter.



dread and joy in your heart mixed, pon - dered there and sa - vored.
 you cast not your love a - side, scorn and an - ger fear - ing.
 nur - tur - ing your cous-in's will, you taught hope-ful wait - ing.
 From op - pres - sion raise the poor; proud and might-y scat - ter.



May we learn to wel - come all that our life is bring - ing,
 When a loved one brings us grief, rips our world a - sun - der,
 So, as wo - men long have done, may we nev - er fal - ter
 Seeds be - neath the win - ter snow live, 'tho all seems bar - ren.



e - ven when in pain we feel birth with-in us spring - ing.
 dream-er, may we have your heart, o - pen to God's won - der.
 to ex - tend a gen - tle touch, fears to cour-age al - ter.
 Lift a car - ol, sing of hope for the Rose of Shar - on.

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The Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

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



Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word among us, told us to pray for one another. Let us pray for God's people everywhere, saying: Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

LEM O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

For all who are busily preparing for Christmas: that the Holy Spirit will help us be loving in all our activities and aware of whose life we celebrate. Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of the world: that they may work for peace and justice among the nations. Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

For all who are serving in the military, for their families, and for all who serve a greater good away from home this season: that God will guide their efforts and protect them from all danger. Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

For freedom from judging others: that like Joseph, we may withhold our judgments so that the work of God may unfold in the hearts and lives of those who are dear to us. Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

For those who travel during this holiday season: that their reunions and celebrations may be occasions for joy and that they return home safely. Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

Gracious God, give health and wholeness to the sick, and give patience and understanding to those who take care of them. We pray for those on our Prayer List. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, especially Fred Meyer, Arnold Sheiffer, husband of Pamela Sheiffer, and Emily Kramer, a member of our Villa Congregation. *(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 Elizabeth Horan and Jennifer Marwood who are celebrating their birthdays.

For a Birthday - O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on Elizabeth and Jennifer 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.

The Rosemary of Remembrance on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Jennifer Marwood in gratitude for her family and by Helen Horton in loving memory of Annetta & George Horton.

For all these prayer concerns we ask in the name of him who came as the light in the darkness of our world, Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.*

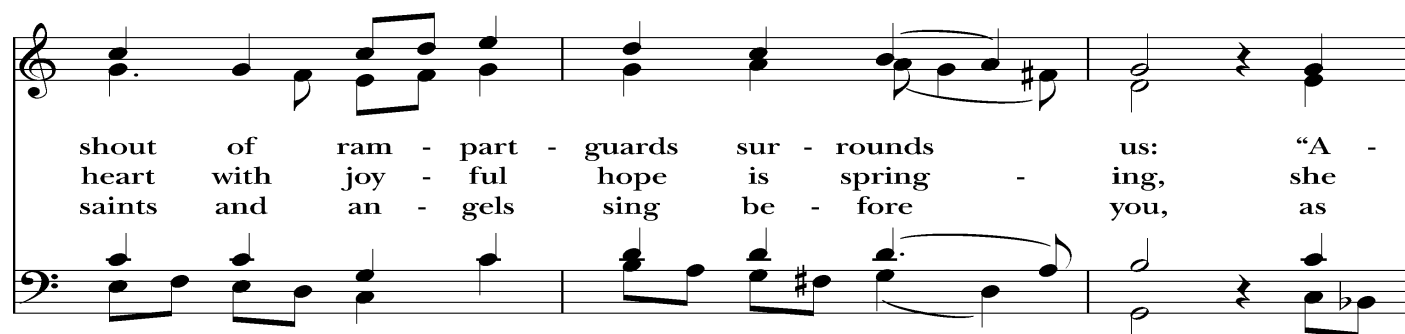
Offertory Sentence

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*





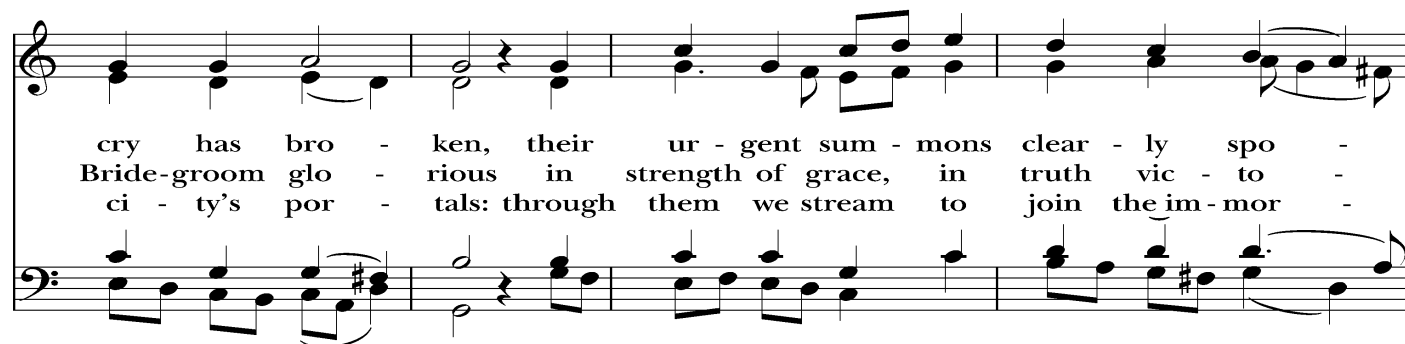
1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let



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.

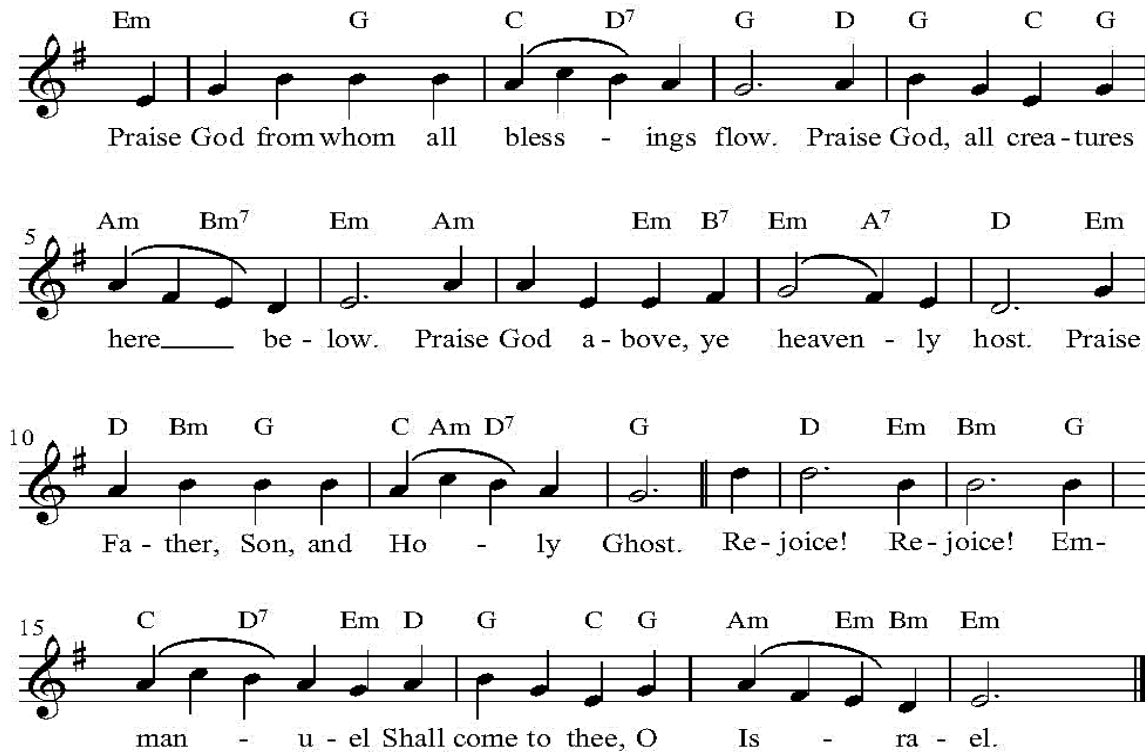
The Presentation of Gifts

(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 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.***

Bountiful God, we give thanks to you, for you brought into being your glorious creation and crafted human life in your image.

Your prophets promised that a virgin would conceive a son, the One in whom your truth would live, God with us.

Through the voice of Mary, your Holy Spirit rejoiced in the wonder of the child eternally begotten of the Father.

Through the lips of Joseph you spoke the long-awaited name Emmanuel.

A sword pierced their hearts when your Son Jesus was crucified at the hands of sinners, but in his resurrection you make a new family of the redeemed, the restored and the renewed.

And so with angels and archangels and all the company of earth and heaven, we lift our voices in joyful celebration as we join the unending hymn.

Sanctus (At 5:00 p.m.)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus (9:30 a.m.)

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The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Living God, as your Son was nourished by Mary's body, feed and nourish us, your body, with this holy meal, your very self, that we may grow into fullness of life, dwelling in you as your Spirit breathes through us.

Send your Holy Spirit on us now, that we may be your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic body, to nourish the life of your world.

Send your Spirit upon this bread and this cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Fearless God, who came in a dream to Joseph, dream through us anew today.

Speak into our places of fear.

Transcend and transform all that keeps us from living your dream. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

Dream into life in this very place a church renewed by the leading of your Spirit.

Dream through our hands and feet your kingdom, where the hungry are filled with good things, the lowly lifted up and the oppressed set free, until that day when the life of heaven and earth shall be made one, and all your children gather in glory around you, everlasting 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.

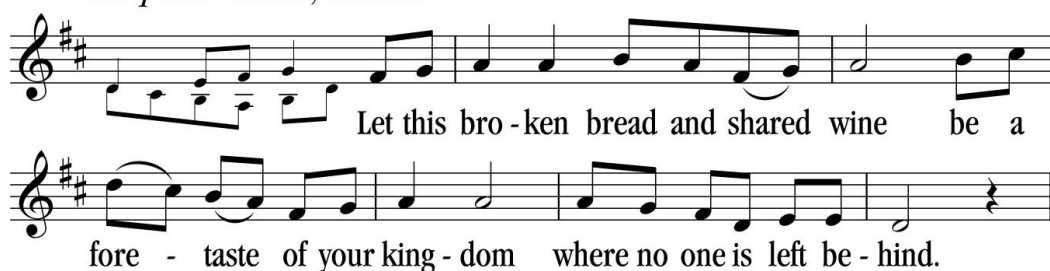
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

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



Cantor:

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

Invitation to Communion

(BCP p. 364)

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

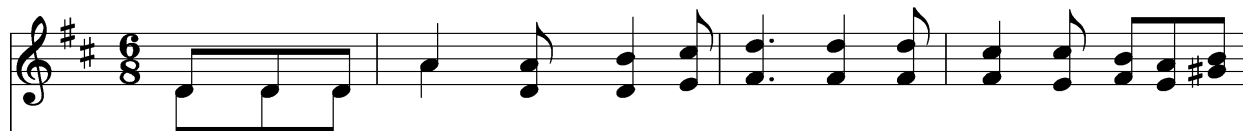


Communion Norms--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. **We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. Instead, you may keep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

Communion Hymn

People, look East

WLP 724



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.



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

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

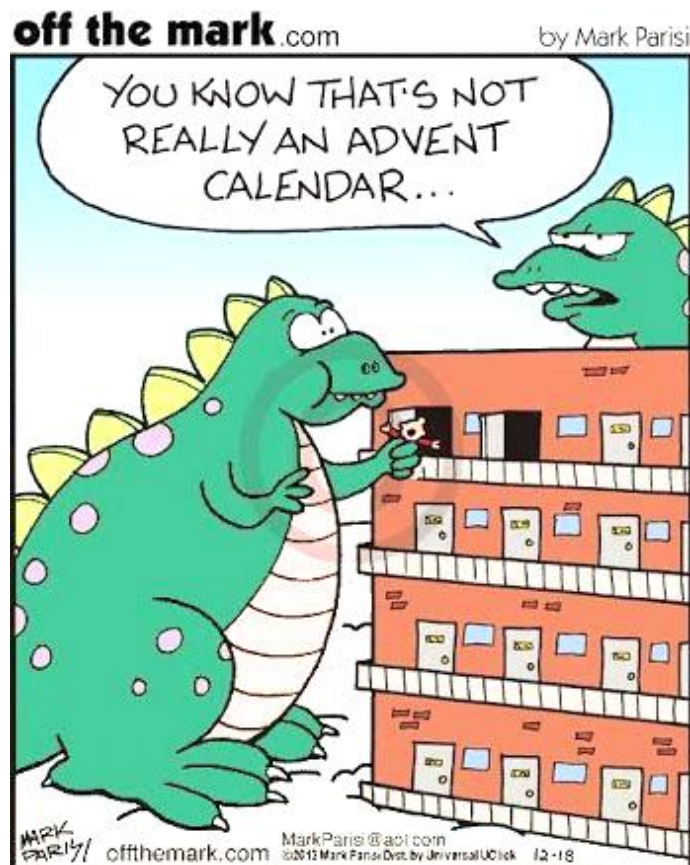
Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent (*Church of England*)

May 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





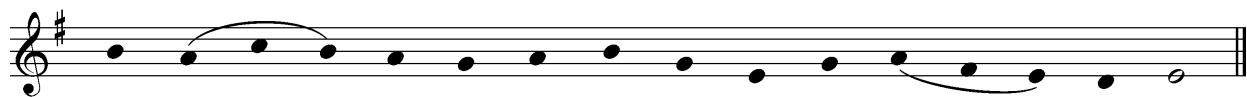
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, 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 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

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| Monday, 12/22 | 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church |
| Wednesday, 12/24 Christmas Eve | 4:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Brass Quintet 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room 7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Parish Hall 9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns |
| Thursday, 12/25 Christmas Day | 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with hymns in the Church |
| Friday, 12/26 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED |
| Saturday, 12/27 | 9:00 – 2:00 Winter Market in the Parish Hall 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church |
| Sunday, 12/28 | 9:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour in the Atwater Room |

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. Participants

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| LEM/Lector | John Kern |
| Usher | Tom Simson |
| Altar Guild | Laura Bott, Norma-Jeanne Okula |

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Participants

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| LEM | Carol Fitton |
| Lector | Carol Johns |
| Ushers | Rich Caccavano, Steve DeCaro |
| Altar Guild | Laura Bott, Norma-Jeanne Okula |
| Coffee Hour | In the Parish Hall |

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 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 |

| <u>Services</u> | <u>In Person</u> | <u>On-Line</u> |
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| 12/13 - 5:00 p.m. | 17 | |
| 12/14 - 9:30 a.m. | 11 | 124 |
| | 28 | 124 |
| 12/12 – Last Rites – Emily Kramer | | 3 |
| 12/17 – Last Rites – Fred Meyer | | 4 |
| 12/18- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class | | 12 |
| 12/18 - 11:00 a.m. Healing Service | | 8 |
| 12/18 - 4:00 p.m. Private Communion | | 3 |
| 12/18 - 8:00 p.m. Compline | | 3 |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Lawrence & Candace Andria | 12/07 |
| William and Madeline Glover | 12/19 |
| Stephen & Donna Turner | 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: TODAY AT 4:30 IS THE BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – MUSIC BEGINS AT 4:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES – TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR REQUESTS.

SPECIAL NOTE: THERE IS NO 5:00 PM SERVICE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD AND MORNING PRAYER ON JANUARY 4TH AT 9:30 AM.

I regret to inform you that the Burial Service mentioned in my previous email regarding the passing of Arnold Sheiffer is, at the families request, a Private Burial Service. I sincerely apologize for any confusion. *Fr. Chris +*

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

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

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

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you would like to dedicate plants for the Altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. Each plant is \$40. In December there is one vase available for 28th. In January there are two vases available on the 26th and one vase on the 5th, 12th and 18th. **Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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 Farajian (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), Imogene (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), Irene Monahan (Req. by Laura Bott), 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 4th Class Luke Williamson



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Church Services

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

Thursday Services

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

Office Hours

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

All Members of Saint Mark's are Ministers of the Church!

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano – *Bishop of Long Island*
The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf – *Assisting Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. William Franklin – *Assisting Bishop*

The Very Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski

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The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie – *Priest-in-Residence*
Stephen Hunt – *Director of Music*
Kate Gabrielsen – *Parish Administrator*
Chris Adams – *Facilities Manager*
Rosanna Davis – *Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool*
Tom Horan – *Warden*
Steve DeCaro – *Warden*

Vestry Members:

(Class of 2026) Rich Caccavano, Marjorie Kulesa, Steve Turner
(Class of 2027) Diane Feil, John Kern, Sandy Wyman
(Class of 2029) Tom Hadlock, Madeline Glover, Norma-Jeanne Okula
Thomas Simson – *Treasurer*
Carol Fitton – *Clerk of the Vestry*

