

# Welcome to SAINT MARK'S

The First Sunday of Advent, Year C

December 1, 2024 at 8:00 & 10:00 AM Anointing and Prayers for Healing at both Services

+ --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 season of Advent begins today. The name of the season means "coming," and it celebrates God's coming to us in the birth of Jesus and looks toward Christ's return at the end of history as Savior and Judge. The first reading from Isaiah reflects the intensity of the prophet's hope for the Messiah. In a period of Israel's history when confidence in the people's own efforts to build God's Kingdom had collapsed, Isaiah expresses that hope in a passage that has been a part of the Advent liturgy since the earliest days of the Church: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...In the second reading we hear Paul's greeting in his first letter to Corinth. Recognizing the many spiritual gifts of the Corinthian church (a source of their strength, but also a source of the controversy which caused him to write) he says that those spiritual gifts are given to prepare us to greet the return of Christ. Jesus' message to his followers is an assurance that he will return and that our lives should be lived in preparation for that return. This theme of watching for his return is always central on the first Sunday of Advent. Today's reading from Mark is the parable of the doorkeeper. It reminds us that we are always to be on the watch for Jesus' return. The liturgy is the way the Church lives in the time between Jesus' first coming and his second coming. In word and sacrament he comes to us again and again, veiled, but present to eyes of faith. In the Eucharist and in ministry to others we are continually being prepared to greet him when he comes again in glory. The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year. Copyright © 2009 by Michael W. Merriman. Church Publishing Incorporated, New York.

# God's People Gather Together



The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Week One is HOPE

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

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

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

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

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

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

## The Advent Wreath Hymn - Candle of Hope

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

The candle of <u>hope</u> we light in this hour Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power. We wait for a future, now hidden from view, When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

Celebrant  $+ \mathbf{B}$  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.

(at 8:00 a.m.) (BCP p.354)

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

## (at 10:00 a.m.)

Liturgy of St. Chrysostom

Fernando Ortega or Fred Read



Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

# The Word of God

First Reading—Jeremiah 33:14

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 25:1-9 Ad te, Domine, levavi

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* *let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.* 

<sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* *let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.* 

<sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, \* and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \* *for they are from everlasting.* 

<sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

- <sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the LORD; \* *therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*
- <sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \* *and teaches his way to the lowly.*
- <sup>9</sup> All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness\* *to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

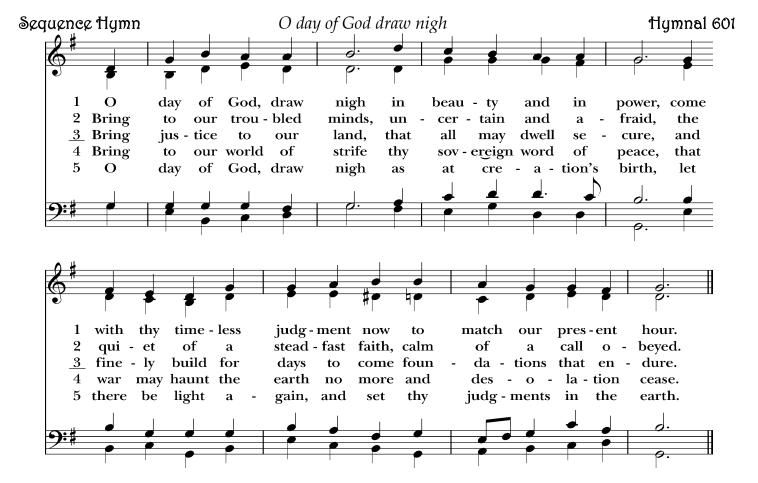
The Cpistle—1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Thessolonika.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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



Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he

told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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*: As we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus, let us lift our hands in prayer and raise our heads in hope to the Lord who is our righteousness, saying: *Come, O long expected Jesus*.

LEM: For the Church, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, and for Chris our priest. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray this week for Members of Diocesan Council and its Departments, Saint Peter's (Bay Shore), all Church Musicians, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, Saint Joseph's (Queens Village), Saint John's (Flushing), and Church of Saint Mark's (Brooklyn). We pray that in the face of distress and anxiety, we may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption. Come, O long expected Jesus.

For this Parish Family, that we may be attentive to God's presence and action in our lives so that we may be ready to act when God invites. *Come, O long expected Jesus*.

For all God's people, that among nations made desolate by conflict and violence, justice and righteousness may flower anew. *Come, O long expected Jesus*.

For all who live in fear and confusion, that whether rich or poor, unknown or famous, they may encounter the light of Christ that will show them the way to a fuller life. *Come, O long expected Jesus*.

For all those in any anguish of body, mind and spirit, 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 the disciples of Jesus may strengthen them with words of hope and deeds of love. *Come, O long expected Jesus.* 

For those who have died, especially Stephan Wyman, Sandy Wyman's brother, who went to his Eternal Rest last week. (*The people may add petitions either silently or aloud*). We pray that they may be found blameless before God at the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. *Come*, *O long expected Jesus*.

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for Alicia Andria and Carol Smith who are celebrating their birthdays and for Larry & Candace Andria who are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

<u>For a Birthday</u> -  $\mathcal{O}$  God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on Alicia and Carol 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 -  $\mathcal{O}$  God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon Larry & Candace that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Rosemary of Remembrance on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Sundy Schermeyer in loving memory of her mother, Gail Andon Jackson.

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

All: Holy and righteous God, hear the prayers we offer this day and raise our heads to greet the redemption that is drawing near: the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

The Confession (BCP p. 360)

*The Celebrant says* 

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

#### Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

+ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

## Anointing and Prayers for Healing

Savior of the world by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us; *Save us and help us, we beseech you, O Lord.* 

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

Once all have been anointed, the officiant says,

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

*The people stand as they are able.* 

#### 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

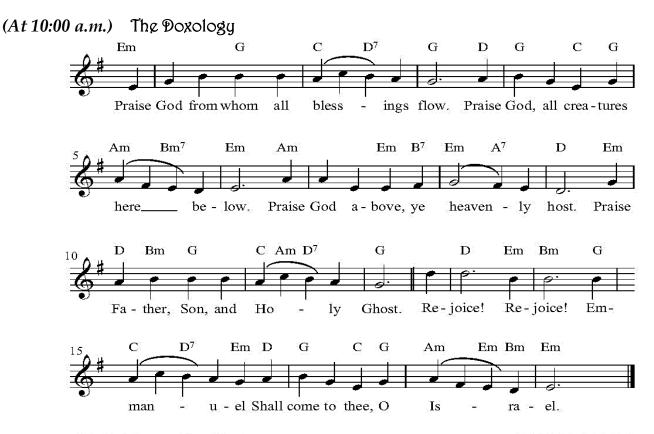




#### The Presentation of Gifts

#### (At 8:00 a.m.)

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



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# The Holy Communion

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

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People His Spirit is with us.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor tongue told of a glory like yours, Lord God, for you are the potter and we the clay, and you fashioned us in your image.

Though the pot was broken in your hands in the exile of your people and the rejection of your Son, you made an even more wondrous vessel out of agony and estrangement.

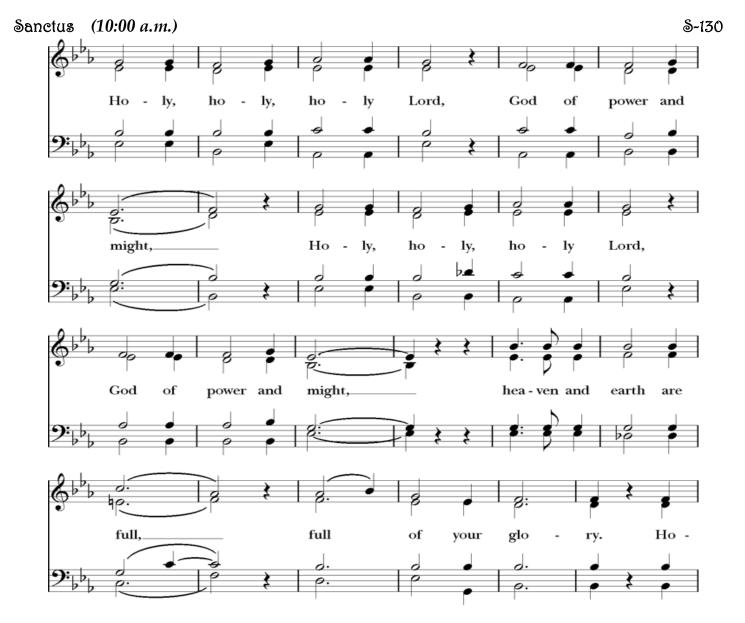
In Jesus you glorify your chosen people and inaugurate your church to be his body in the world. In his death the pot was broken once and for all, but in his resurrection you refashioned a new pot from the same clay to feed your people for ever.

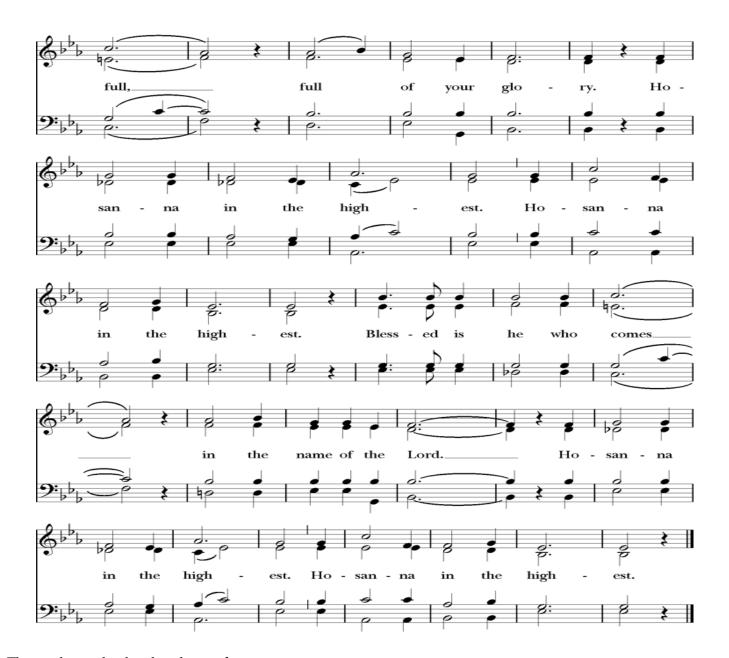
And so we gladly thank you, joining with the company of angels and archangels and all the host of heaven in their unending hymn.

#### Sanctus (At 8:00 a.m.)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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





The people stand or kneel as they prefer

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

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

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

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

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

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

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



### The Lord's Prayer

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

## 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 (8:00 a.m.)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.* 



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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 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.



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

Celebrant Let us pray.

### Celebrant and People

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

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

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

#### The Announcements



The Dismissal (Church of England)

LEM As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. **People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude



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

#### Thursday Midweek Service

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

#### Office Hours

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

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