



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

**December 24, 2024 at 5 & 9 PM**

*The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ*

*+ --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***

**Welcomę to Saint Mark's!** Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We welcome people of every race and tongue and faith to this celebration. We invite you to participate fully and to join us in rejoicing at the birth of the one who is the fulfillment of the deepest and best hopes of all people and all faiths. Luke describes Jesus' birth with the song of angels and the shepherds who were the first to learn of that birth and the first to come to see the infant. In those days shepherds were a despised group rejected by most people. Luke's inclusion of them in the story stresses that God has come for all people, high and low, rich and poor. Centuries earlier, Isaiah had foreseen the coming of the Messiah as the establishment of God's reign. This event would summon all people into God's Kingdom and make of them "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord." In story, song, word, and sacrament we celebrate the coming of God into the world and renew our own place in the story of God's salvation of all of humanity.

*From The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year. Copyright © 2007 by Michael W. Merriman. Church Publishing Incorporated, New York.*

## God's People Gather Together

Proceſsional Hymn

*O come, all ye faithful*

Hymnal 83 verses 1-3

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e-ter-nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,  
 \*4 See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra-dle,  
 \*5 Child, for us sin-ners poor and in the man-ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;  
 2 lo! he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of heaven a-bove;  
 4 leav-ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em-brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be-hold him, born the King of an-gels;  
 2 on-ly-be-got-ten Son of the Fa-ther;  
 3 glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est;  
 4 we too will thith-er bend our joy-ful foot-steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov-ing us so dear-ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -  
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Station at the Christmas Crèche

V. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:  
 R. *And we beheld his glory.*

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal Word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that as he humbled himself to be clothed with our humanity, so we may be found worthy, in him, to be clothed with his divinity; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We continue with "O come, all ye faithful" verses 6

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing; Refrain:*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—Christmas Eve

*Celebrant:* To a people longing for hope and yearning for deliverance, the prophet Isaiah declared, The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:2, 6*)

LEM Tonight, we come seeking hope, peace, joy, and love, and we find these things in a child. God made flesh as a baby in a manger. A baby who is both the beginning and the end of our salvation, who dwells with us even now, our Emmanuel, God with us.

ALL *We live as people in the in-between who celebrate the arrival of the Light that shines in lost and broken places as we wait for the day when we will live in the fullness of God's kin-dom.*

Celebrant We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, our just peace, our fierce joy, the love that transforms us, and Jesus Christ, our wondrous Light. May the Light burning in our hearts guide us, comfort us, protect us, and tend us in all seasons and circumstances, reminding us that day and night, in the light and in the darkness, God is with us. Our salvation has come! *Amen.*

*Light all five candles of the Advent wreath.*

**Advent Wreath Hymn – Candle of Hope** by The Rev'd Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!")

*The Christ candle's light that shines for us here  
Tells out the good news that God has come near!  
God came, a poor baby, in one time and place,  
To show all creation the wealth of God's grace.*

Biblical References: Matthew 24:36-44, Mark 13:24-37; Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 1:68-79; Isaiah 2:4; Luke 1:46b-55; John 3:16-17; Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20; John 1:1-14; Titus 3:4-7 Tune: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784; until recently attributed to Johann Michael Haydn ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!")  
Alternate tune: HANOVER, William Croft, Supplement to the New Version, 1708 ("Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim")  
Text: Copyright © 2015 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

Celebrant + **B**lessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
People *Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant and People say the Collect for Purity*

*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.*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## Collzet for Christmas

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*      Together, let us pray.

*Ó God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading** – *Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7*

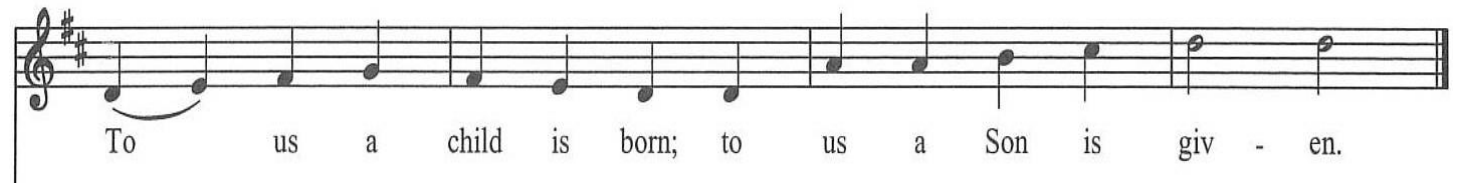
A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

Psalm 97 *Dominus Regnavit*

*At the beginning, the Antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, and then by the congregation.*



<sup>1</sup> The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. *Antiphon:*

<sup>3</sup> A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup> His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid. *Antiphon:*

<sup>11</sup> Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name. *Antiphon:*

**The Epistle**

*Titus 2:11-14*

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

**F**or the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand as they are able.*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!



Holy Gospel—Luke 2:1-20

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



In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Fr. Chris Jubinski

*+ 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 Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together,*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
+ the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**Prayers of the People** *The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Celebrant:* As we join the angels and shepherds to celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation, saying: Holy God, ***be born in us today.***

*LEM:* For the Church in all places, remembering especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, and for Chris our priest. We pray that our worship and praise may give glory to God, and our witness and ministry bring new hope to many. Holy God, ***be born in us today.***

For this Parish Family, that we, like the angels, may announce the good news of God's saving love and be instruments of peace to all who walk the human journey with us. Holy God, ***be born in us today.***

For people of faith everywhere, that God's spirit will open new pathways of peace and hope to all who live in danger and fear. Holy God, ***be born in us today.***

For those who live and work in places of trouble and violence, especially for the people of Israel, Gaza,

Ukraine, Armenia, Syria, and the United States, that the Prince of Peace will guide all hearts to strive for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

For all those who are caring for others this Christmas season, that God will strengthen and protect healthcare workers, public safety and utility workers, and those who care for the poor and vulnerable. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

For all who find Christmas difficult, for those whose lives are touched by fear, anxiety, or depression, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering those on our prayer list. (*You are invited to offer up prayers for any need or concern.*) We pray that Christ will bring healing, light, and hope to their hearts. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

For all the blessings God has given us, that we may receive them thankfully and rejoice that Christ is born again in our hearts and lives. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

For those who have died, remembering especially those in whose memory the Christmas flowers and decorations are given. (*You are invited to name those you wish to have remembered.*) May they rejoice in the light of God's incarnate Word. Holy God, *be born in us today.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, Joseph, and with all the heavenly host, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Glory to you, O Lord our God.*

*All: Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity. Glory to God in the Highest and peace among those whom God favors. Amen.*

Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:6*)

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        *And also with you.*

Announcements

*The people sit.*

## Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

O, holy night – Sung by Scott Wesley

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation. Praise

God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation. Praise

God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Let

all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. Dale A. Schoening, 2001  
MUSIC: Traditional German carol.

O TANNENBAUM  
87.87.88.87

Words copyright © 2001 Dale A. Schoening. Published by The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, PO Box 340003, Nashville TN 37203-0003. Web site

Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And now we give you thanks because in his earthly childhood you entrusted him to the care of a human family. In Mary and Joseph you give us an example of love and devotion to him, and also a pattern of family life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

§ 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

*"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

*"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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

*We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.*

+ Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



# The Lord's Prayer

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

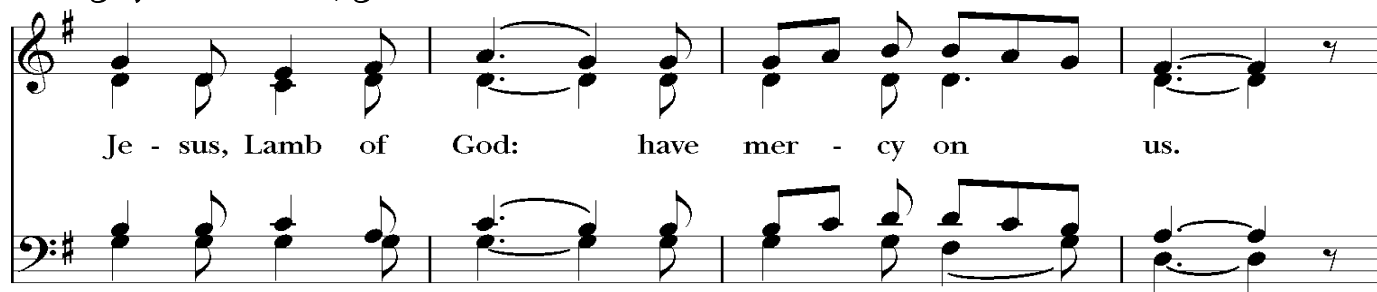
*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

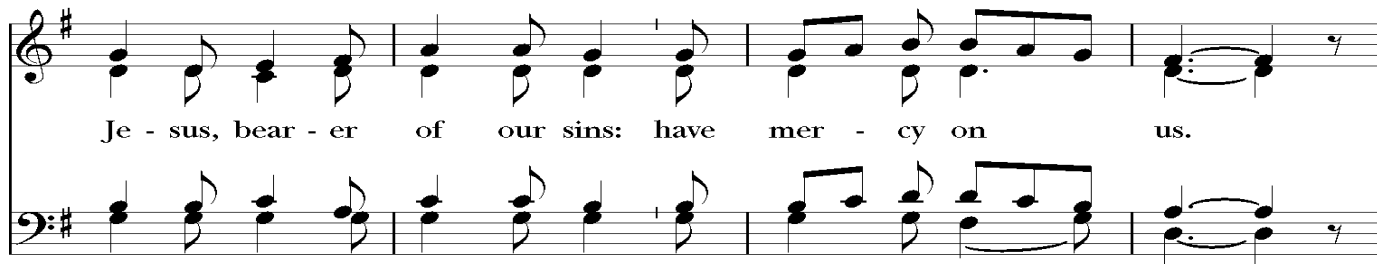
*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Breaking of the Bread—Agnus Dei

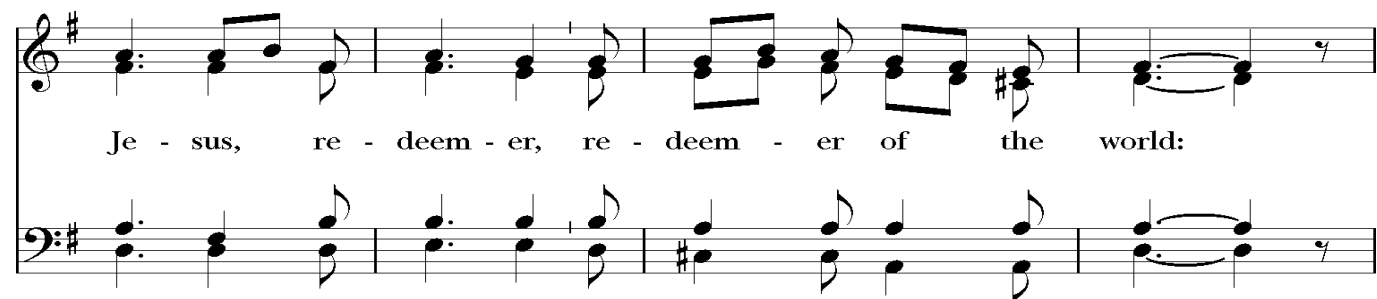
§ 164



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



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



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



give us your peace, give us your peace.



## Invitation to Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
*Lord, give us this bread always. 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.

## Communion Hymn

*What child is this*

Hymnal 115

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?*

*Refrain      This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

*Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. Refrain*

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own him:  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him. Refrain*

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

*This selection is in the public domain.*

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;  
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

## Post-communion Prayer (Church of England)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**G**od our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

The people kneel as they are able.

## Hymn

## Silent Night

## Hymnal 111



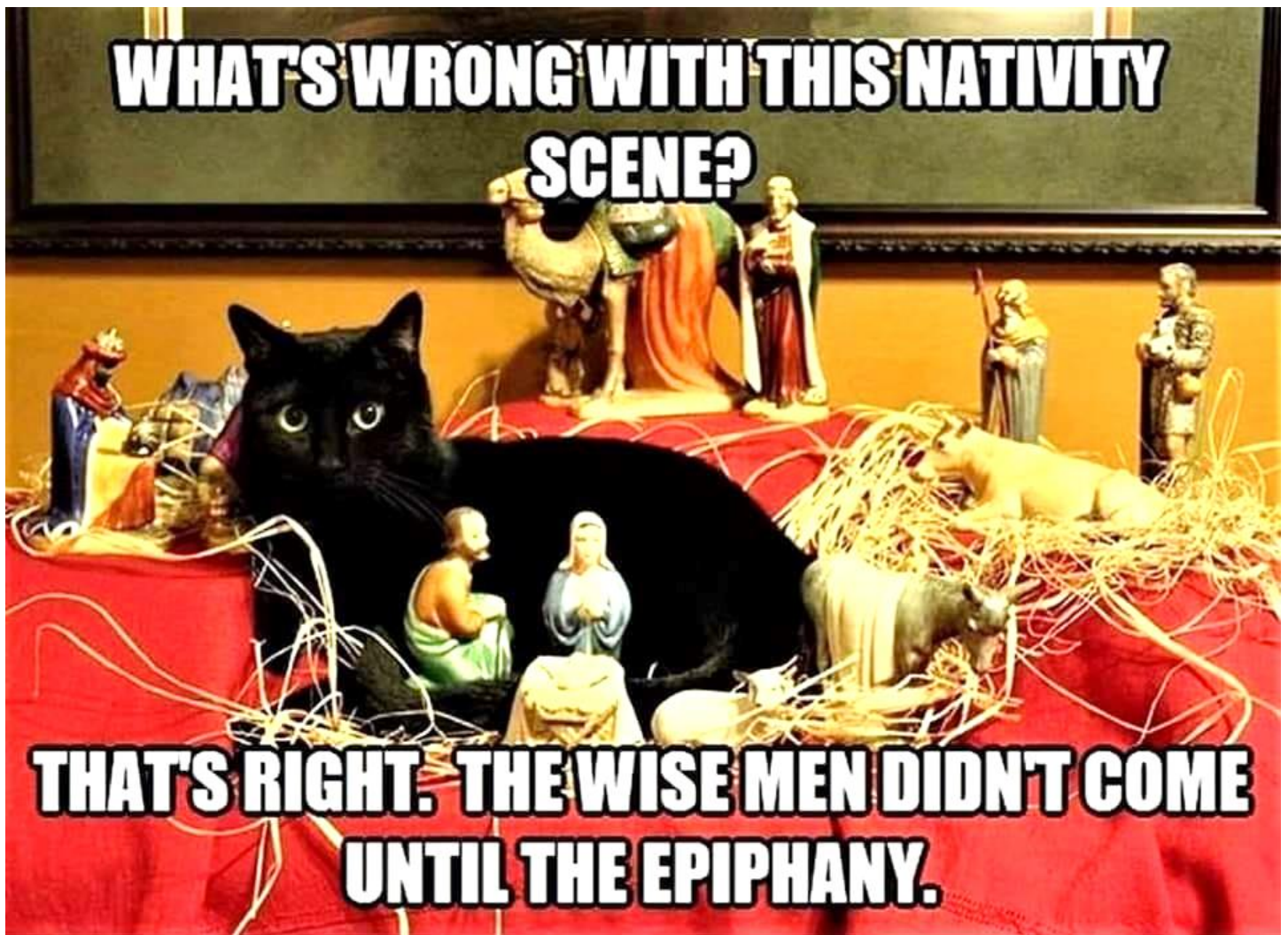
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,  
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,  
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)  
Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

## Blessing for Christmas (*Church of England*)

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

**M**ay the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God Almighty:  
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far -  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Monday, 12/23**

**Church Office Closed – Re-opens Friday January 3  
Bright Beginnings Closed – Re-opens Monday January 6**

**Tuesday, 12/24**

**Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday, 12/25**

**Christmas Day**

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service  
7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting – Atwater Room

**Saturday, 12/28**

9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Holiday Market in Parish Hall

**Sunday, 12/29**

9:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist in the Church  
Brunch Following

<b>Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Participants</b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Laureen Andria
<b>Lector</b>	John Kern
<b>Usher</b>	Steve DeCaro, Tom Horan, Larry Andria
<b>Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m. Participants</b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Virginia Gilmore
<b>Lector</b>	Carol Jubinski
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim Feil, Bill Glover, Eric Christensen
<b>Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. Participants</b>	
<b>LEM/Lector</b>	John Kern
<b><u>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	
Alicia Andria	12/02
Carol Smith	12/06
Stephen Sherwood	12/09
Ashley Lueck	12/11
Pamela Kern	12/12
Spencer and Trevor Moyle	12/13
Richard Caccavano	12/18
Michael Warner	12/18
Elizabeth Horan	12/23
Jennifer Marwood	12/24
Faith Andria	12/27
<b><u>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>	
Lawrence & Candace Andria	12/07
William and Madeline Glover	12/19
Stephen & Donna Turner	12/30

<u>Services</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On Line</u>
12/15 Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.	22
12/15 Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.	56
	<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>
12/19 Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	9
12/19 Mid-Week Service	11:00 a.m.	6

**Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And, remember the People of Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Armenia, Ukraine, Haiti, and the United States of America too!**

*The Church Office will be closed from December 23rd and staff will be returning January 3rd. Father Chris will be away from December 29 to January 2nd. In case of any emergency, please contact Diane Stewart or Tom Horan.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Saint Mark's as we celebrate this birth of Jesus. If you are looking for a church home, please do not hesitate to reach out to Father Chris before you leave. God's Blessings for a safe, happy, and holy Christmas season. We look forward to welcoming you back soon!

**QUIET TIME BEFORE SERVICES**--It is a tradition in the Episcopal Church to provide for quiet before the service so that people can come and pray, meditate, or be prepared for the start of the service. With this in mind, I ask that you please refrain from conversations inside the church before the service starts. Saint Mark's is a friendly place and I'm not trying to stifle this. Parishioners have reached out to me and I am only trying to make space for folks who want some quiet time before the service. Thank you for help to make this happen. — *Fr. Chris* +

**CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:** If you are not listed in the directory OR if you are having trouble logging in to the app, please call the church office.

**NEW STUDY – “The Heart That Grew Three Sizes”** has started and takes place in the Atwater Room at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursdays in-person and via zoom.** We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. If we're being honest, there's probably something within the Christmas season celebration that awakens a Grinch within all of us. Maybe the gift we unwrap was all wrong, or memories that were supposed to be joyful never were. When everything seems wrong in the world, even joyful celebrations are much too loud. In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, How the Grinch Stole Christmas! This Advent & Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith. Books can be purchased through Amazon.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5697969237> and Meeting ID: 569 796 9237 or via One tap mobile +16468769923,,5697969237# US (New York)

**HOLIDAY MARKET** - Vendors from the Farmer's Market are selling holiday items in our Parish Hall until December 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**ALTAR FLOWERS-** If you would like to dedicate a plant for the Altar during December contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at [Laura.bott17@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.bott17@gmail.com). In January there is one vase available on the 5, 12, 18 and 26<sup>th</sup>. Each vase is \$40. Please contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

**2024 DONATIONS** – A friendly reminder, as per the IRS, that all donations must be postmarked by December 31, 2024 in order to count for 2024. Thank you for your support of Saint Mark's throughout this past year!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**December 29 – 9:00 a.m. service with Christmas Lessons & Carols & Holy Eucharist. Brunch instead of Coffee Hour.**

**We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:**

**Kurt Andon** (Req. by Sundry Schermeyer), **Aubrey** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Ridgie Barnett** (Parishioner), **Bentley** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Bishop Provenzano**, **Bridget** (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), **Rich Cassavano** (Parishioner), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Abby Connett** (Req. by Nancy Connett), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Jason Gordon** (by Kate Gabrielsen), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Max Gorman** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris' Parents), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), **John & Anita Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Earl Meyers** (Jinny Gilmore), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Carol Marin**, (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Kenneth Reeves** (husband of Louise Reeves), **Betty Rose Richardson**, (by Victoria Garcia), **Jean Scopinich** (Parishioner), **Diane Stewart** (Parishioner) **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia), **Victoria DiRocco** (Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter), **John Henwood** (Fr. Chris & Carol's Brother-in-Law), **Michael Rees** (Brother of Victoria Garcia), **Wayd Wolgemuth** (Req. by Elizabeth Wolgemuth)

**(If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.)**

**We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:** Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.



# SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

---

## WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NY

### *A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island*

40 Main Street, P.O. Box 887  
Westhampton Beach, New York 11978  
Phone: 631.288.2111  
[www.stmarkswhb.org](http://www.stmarkswhb.org)

#### Fall-Winter Weekend Church Services

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.

#### 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 Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey—*Assisting Bishop*

The Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski—*Rector of Saint Mark's*  
Email: [chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org](mailto:chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org)  
Cell: 410-253-3664

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*  
Diane Stewart—*Warden*  
Tom Horan —*Warden*

#### Vestry Members:

Steve DeCaro, Diane Feil, Madeline Glover  
Tom Hadlock, Marjorie Kulesa, Ashley Lueck,  
Barbara Pettus, Steve Turner and Sandy Wyman

Thomas Simson—*Treasurer*  
Carol Fitton – *Clerk of the Vestry*

