



Welcome to
SAINT MARK'S

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C
December 22, 2024 at 8:00 & 10:00 AM

+ --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 St. Mark's Church. The theme of the Fourth Sunday of Advent is the role of the Virgin Mary in the events that brought about our salvation. A related theme is the Lord's human nature. The first reading deals with the Messiah's human origins. He will come from the village of Bethlehem within the clan of Ephratha, the smallest and least significant of all the clans of the Tribe of Judah. The importance of this prophecy from the book of Micah is that with the Messiah, as with all people, greatness comes from God rather than from human sources. It was as an obedient human being that Jesus made the willing offering of himself for our salvation, says the author of the Letter to the Hebrews. The salvation of humanity was accomplished within human life not apart from it. Human nature has a real and definitive role to play, a role revealed in the story of Mary. Today's Gospel reading is the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. Both Elizabeth and her unborn son rejoice in Mary's role. [When the longer reading is used: Mary then praises God in the words used by the church at Evening Prayer, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."] God's blessing of Mary, the lowly servant, will be extended in the ministry of Christ to all, especially the poor and the lowly. In her acceptance and cooperation with God's will, Mary becomes the model for our response to God and the human agent of God's gift of the redeeming Christ to the world. *From 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

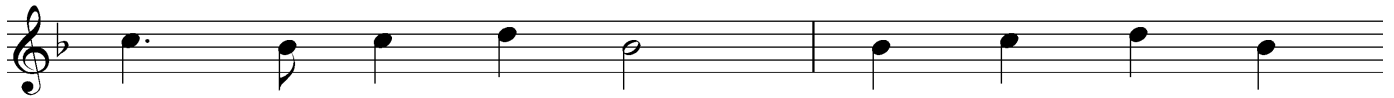
Processional Hymn

Savior of the nations, come!

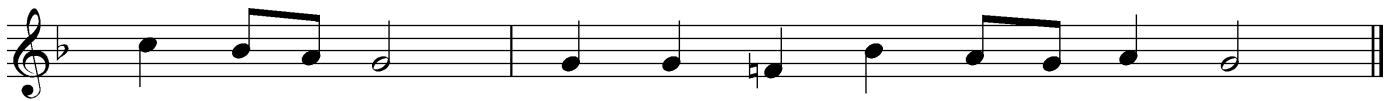
Hymn 54



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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 will 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 signs of our shocking hope, just peace our 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 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 + Blessed 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

(BCP p.354)

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

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— *Micah 5:2-5a*

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary Magnificat (Lukę 1:46-55)

(BCP p 91)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle - *Hebrews 10:5-10*

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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



Ma - ry, when the an - gel's voice called you high - ly fa - vored,
 Jo - seph, in your dark - est night, an - gel mes - sage hear - ing,
 Old and sage E - liz - a - beth, birth an - ti - ci - pa - ting,
 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.

Words: Carol Goodwin King

Music: Tempus adest Floridum, harmony: Tom Whittemore

The Gospel—Luke 1:39-55

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb

leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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.

The Affirmation of Faith—The Nicene Creed

(BCP p. 358)

*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 souls proclaim the greatness of you, O Lord, and we rejoice; for you have looked with favor on us, your servants; and you hear our prayers.

The Almighty has done great things for us, *and holy is his Name.*

LEM: We rejoice for the church, and for all your ministers; for you always come to our help, and you always remember your promise of mercy. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Uganda. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray this week for Saint Luke and Saint Matthew (*Brooklyn*), Emmanuel Church (*Brooklyn*), The Disciplinary Board of the Diocese, Diocesan Convention: The Bishop, Convention Officers, Clerical and Lay Delegates, Saint Mary's (*Brooklyn*), Saint John's (*Hempstead*), and Saint Margaret's (*Plainview*).

The Almighty has done great things for us, *and holy is his Name.*

We rejoice for our nation, and for all the nations of the earth; for you fill the hungry with good things and lift up the lowly.

The Almighty has done great things for us, *and holy is his Name.*

We pray for the sick and the suffering and we pray for the fearful and the poor,, remembering especially the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Armenia, Haiti, Syria and those on our Prayer List. (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern.*) We pray that you would show the strength of your arm and scatter every bond which hold your people down.

The Almighty has done great things for us, *and holy is his Name.*

We rejoice for those who have been granted the fullness of the promise you have made to our forefathers and foremothers, and who now dwell with you in your heavenly kingdom, especially Wayd Wolgemuth who journeyed home to heaven this week. (*The people may add petitions either silently or aloud*).

The Almighty has done great things for us, *and holy is his Name.*

We pray for those who rejoice this week that they might be filled with joy and gladness. We give thanks this week for Elizabeth Horan, Jennifer Marwood and Faith Andria who are celebrating their birthdays.

For a Birthday - O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on Elizabeth, Jennifer and Faith 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 Louise Reeves with Blessings to all at Christmas time and by Paul & Norma-Jeanne Okula in loving memory of Cora Salvatore, Norma-Jeanne's grandmother.

We rejoice as the celebration of Jesus' birth draws near, and like our sister Mary our hearts are filled with glad tidings and joy.

The Almighty has done great things for us, *and holy is his Name.*

All: O Lord, you do great things for your us; you hear our prayers, you bring us your salvation, you give us the gift of your son, and holy is your Name now and forevermore. 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 people stand as they are able.

The Peace

Celebrant May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and may 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. 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 Presentation of Gifts

(At 8:00 a.m.)

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

(At 10:00 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.

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

VENI EMMANUEL
LM with Refrain

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The Holy Communion

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

- Celebrant* The Lord is here.
People **His Spirit is with us.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you, Lord God of hosts, O ancient of days, for from of old you have called forth life. You brought into being every detail of creation and gave birth to your covenant people. When the time drew near, you called upon Bethlehem to bear the hope you promised, and summoned Mary to bear your holy child.

By your grace the child grew to be the one to bear not only our sins but the sins of the world. In his dying and rising you gave birth to everlasting life for all your children.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we sing your praise and join the unending hymn.

Sanctus

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as they prefer

God of Mary, whose womb bore the sacred fruit of our salvation, bring forth from this fruit of the vine your cup of blessing. As we remember around this table your Son's saving passion poured out for us, send your Holy Spirit upon your church to make us bearers of your Christ, your mercy and your hope.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of Jesus 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.

God of holy expectation, let your face shine upon us and your dawn break upon us that we may be saved. Make your church expectant in faith as we labour for what we cannot yet see.

Come and dwell with your people who yearn to be restored, to be forgiven, to belong. Let the warmth of your face shine upon those who seek the peace long promised for Bethlehem, for Jerusalem and for all your waiting world.

Bring us, with the saints who have looked for your coming, to the day when we and all your children shall celebrate and leap for joy in your holy presence, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

[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

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

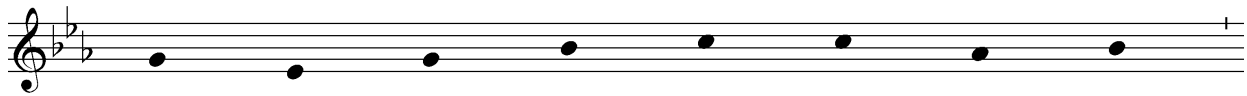
Invitation to Communion

(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.*



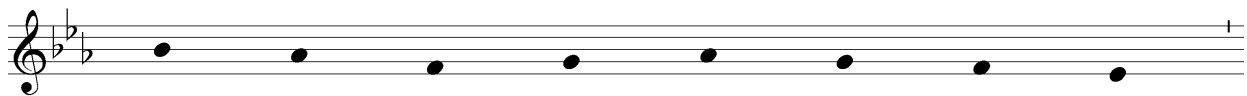
Communion Norms--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. **We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. Instead, you may keep 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.



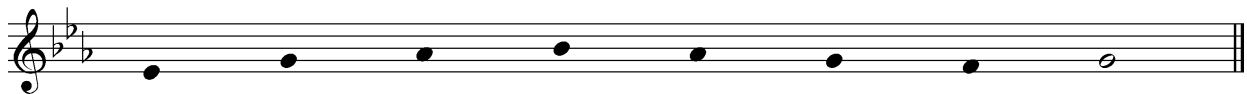
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



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



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



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

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

Celebrant 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 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

Recessional Hymn

O come. O come. Emmanuel

Hymnal 56



(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 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

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

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

<u>Sunday 8:00 a.m. Participants</u>	
LEM	Sundy Schermeyer
Lector	Tom Simson
Usher	Tom Simson
Altar Guild	Virginia Gilmore
Coffee Hour	Lori & Pete Williams
<u>Sunday 10:00 a.m. Participants</u>	
LEM	Madeline Glover
Lector	John Kern
Ushers	Sandy Wyman, Larry Andria
Altar Guild	Diane Feil, Helen Horton
Brunch following "Greening" of the church	
<u>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>	
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
<u>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
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	45
	Total 78	45
12/12 The Villa (H.E.)	2:00 p.m. 8	
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 Rosemary of Remembrance on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Louise Reeves with Blessings to all at Christmas time and by Paul & Norma-Jeanne Okula in loving memory of Cora Salvatore, Norma-Jeanne's grandmother.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Office will be closed from December 23 until January 3rd.

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.

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 28th 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. **One vase is available for December 29.** 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 24 - Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 & 9:00 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Day Service at 9:00 a.m.

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 Sundy 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)

(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.



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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
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*

