



Welcome to  
**SAINT MARK'S**

**The Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**  
**December 15, 2024 at 8:00 & 10:00 AM**  
**"Rose Sunday"**

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

**BCP**—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

**Hymnal**—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

**LEVAS**—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal  
(Episcopal)

**WLP**—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

**VF**—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

**Please silence your cell phone**

**Welcome to Saint Mark's Church.** In our readings and in the Collect for today, the major themes of biblical, prophetic religion come together, deepening the preparation of God's faithful people for the approaching Christmas festival. We pray that God will "stir up his power and come among us" and we are given the paradoxical message of fearful judgment and joyful anticipation. This message is given first in Zephaniah's announcement of "the Day of the Lord" when God will come to draw all people into a saving and life-giving community. "The Lord, your God, is in your midst." "Sing aloud... Rejoice... Exult." For Paul and the church in Philippi, the Lord has indeed come in Jesus' death and resurrection. "Rejoice," Paul says, and be partakers in the peace of God, which is our true guardian and protector. But first, we hear the harsh words from John the Baptist, warning that we must be prepared for that coming if it is indeed to be a time of rejoicing. Repentance is the key to that preparation. However, repentance must be more than a feeling, and it must be deeper than outward rituals such as water baptism, or tracing one's descent from Abraham. That repentance must bear fruit in social righteousness—in self-giving and concrete actions of love and mercy toward others. The Lord is in the midst of us, and so we sing out joyful Alleluias as he comes to us in his Word, and again as he comes to us in the breaking of the bread. *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

*Rejoice! Rejoice, believers*

Hymn 68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *Week Three is Joy*

*Celebrant* When God's people were surrounded by hardship, suffering, and grief, Isaiah proclaimed, The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of faint spirit (*Isaiah 61:1-3a*).

LEM We come today as people who are also surrounded by suffering and grief. And yet, the Spirit hovers among us, tending and anointing, inspiring freedom where there is captivity, declaring blessing in places the world has cursed, and igniting fierce joy where mourning and heartache prevail.

*All* ***We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.***

*Celebrant* We light this candle as a sign of our shocking **hope**, just **peace** and fierce **joy**. May our lives shine with the fierce, tenacious joy of the Light who lives in our hearts as we wait and work for the coming of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

*Light three candles of the Advent wreath. If your Advent wreath includes a pink or rose candle, light candle today.*

## The Advent Wreath Hymn – *Candle of Joy*

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

***The candle of JOY reminds us to sing,***

***For God is at work to do a new thing.***

***The proud will be humbled, the lowly will rise.***

***God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.***

*Celebrant* + **B**lessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* ***You come to your people and set them free. Amen.***

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Trisagion

(at 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

**♩ = 65**

Voice

Ho - ly God Ho - ly and migh - ty -

6

Vo.

ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy. Have

10

Vo.

mer - cy on us. Ho - ly God

15

Vo.

Ho - ly and migh - ty - ty, Ho - ly Im -

18

Vo.

mor - tal One, have mer - cy. Have mer - cy on us.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## The Word of God

First Reading— *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

*I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

*and he will be my Savior.*

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

*from the springs of salvation.*

And on that day you shall say, \*

*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

*see that they remember that his Name is exalted.*

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

*and this is known in all the world.*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

*for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

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.*

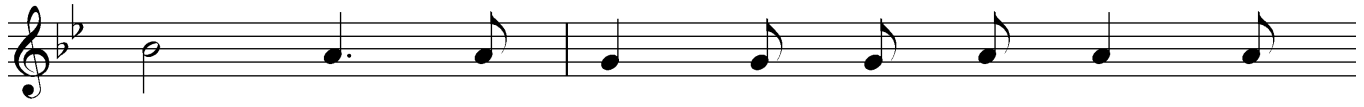
The Epistle - *Philippians 4:4-7*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi.

**R**ejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who  
 2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -  
 3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to  
 4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in



hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the  
 pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in  
 see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -  
 joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -

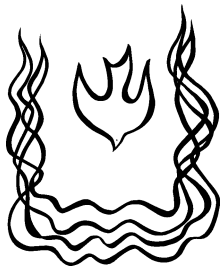


sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.  
 dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.  
 mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.  
 self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!

### The Gospəl—Luke 3:7-18

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

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with

the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*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:* In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle within us the assurance that you are our strength and our sure defense; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

*LEM:* O God, surely it is you who save us. We pray for the Church, gathered together around the world this Advent. May we cry aloud and ring out your joy. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray this week for Saint Ann and the Holy Trinity (*Brooklyn*), Saint James the Less (*Jamaica*), Saint James' (*St. James*), All Parish Staff and Volunteers, Church of the Holy Spirit (*Brooklyn*), For all churches in the Diocese that have been closed or merged.

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

Your deeds, O Lord, are known among the peoples of the earth. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring your people safety and comfort. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, 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 they might rejoice that God has remembered them.

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. (*The people may add petitions either silently or aloud.*)

Come Lord Jesus, *and hear our prayer.*

Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week that they might be filled with joy and gladness. We give thanks this week for Richard Caccavano and Michael Warner who are celebrating their birthdays and on Madeline and Billy Glover who are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

*For a Birthday - O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on Richard and Michael, as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon Billy and Madeline 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 Kate Gabrielsen in loving memory of her sister Diane and by The Andria family in loving memory of Frances Graham and in celebration of Madeline & Billy Glover's wedding anniversary.

*All: Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that your peace which surpasses all understanding might guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.*

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*     **M**ay 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 Sentences

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

The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose:

1. It shall  
2. For the  
3. For the  
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.  
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.  
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.  
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
as the ransomed return to God  
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
unto Zion we come with joy,  
for our God has come to save us.

The Presentation of Gifts

(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

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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.**

Surely it is you, Lord God, who saves us, for you are our stronghold and our sure defence, and you shall be our Savior for ever. From bondage and then from exile you brought your people home; you gave Zion a song, filled Jerusalem with joy and renewed your children in praise. When your creation was captive to sin, you sent your Son to restore your people: upon the cross, he bore the sin of the world, and through his resurrection you have become our salvation.

In your love and by your Spirit, you have opened the wells of salvation to flow through all the earth with the water of rejoicing. And so we give you thanks with the saints of every age and exalt you in the company of heaven as we join 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.*

Sanctus (10:00 a.m.)

§-130

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "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 -". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some fermatas and ties in the vocal lines, particularly in the second and third systems.

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 people stand or kneel as they prefer*

Gathering God, as grain is collected from the fields, in your Son you draw us to yourself; and as that grain is drawn together, in this holy meal you make us one. Send your Holy Spirit upon your church to make us your harvest of righteousness.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ our Lord. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

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

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Holy One of Israel, you are the great one in our midst. Come and dwell among those who long to know you as they toil and strive.

Where your loved ones have been exiled by judgements against them, remove every fear from their hearts and give them hope. Where your sons and daughters face the threat of enemies, show them how best to love their persecutors. Where oppression has turned your children into outcasts, gather them in your arms and carry them home.

Bring us to that day when shame turns to praise and all creation resounds with rejoicing in your presence, Holy One, eternal Trinity, 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 (8:00 a.m.)

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

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

(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. Je - su, Joy of our de - sir - ing, Ho - ly wis - dom love most bright.  
2. This the way where hope is guid - ing, Hear what peace - ful mu - sic rings.

1. Drawn by thee our souls as - pir - ing, Soar to un - cre - a - ted light.  
2. Where the flock in thee con - fi - ding, Drink of joy from breath - less springs.

1. Word of God our flesh that fash - ioned. With the fire of life im - pas - sioned.  
2. Theirs is beau - ty's fair - est pleas - ure. Theirs is wis - dom's ho - liest trea - sures.

1. Striv - ing still to truth un - known, Soar - ing, dy - ing 'round thy throne.  
2. Thou dost ev - er lead thine own. In the love of joys un - known.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing for Advent (*Church of England*)

**M**ay God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

The Announcements



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
 re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
 Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Your glorious banner wave on high  
 the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

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**

<b>Monday, 12/16</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12/17</b>	6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
<b>Wednesday, 12/18</b>	7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting – Atwater Room
<b>Thursday, 12/19</b>	10:00 a.m. Bible Study – New Study: "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" 11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service in Fr. Chris' office 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bright Beginnings Santa Party
<b>Friday, 12/20</b>	12:15 p.m. Staff Holiday Party
<b>Saturday, 12/21</b>	9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Holiday Market in Parish Hall 4:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Service (Meditation Music at 4:00)
<b>Sunday, 12/22</b>	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Parish Hall 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – Atwater Room 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 11:00 a.m. Greening of the Church with Brunch following

<b>Sunday 8:00 a.m. Participants</b>	
LEM	Carol Laube
Lector	Carol Johns
Usher	Pete Williams
Altar Guild	Virginia Gilmore
<b>Sunday 10:00 a.m. Participants</b>	
LEM	Carol Fitton
Lector	Barbara Pettus
Ushers	Steve DeCaro, Kevin Tunney
Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti, Laura Bott
Coffee Hour	Candace & Larry Andria
<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>
12/08 Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m. 19	
12/08 Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m. 53	32
	<b>Total 72</b>	<b>32</b>
12/12 Bible Study	10:00 a.m. 9	
12/12 Mid-Week Service	11:00 a.m. 7	

**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 Kate Gabrielsen in loving memory of her sister Diane and by the Andria Family in loving memory of Frances Graham and in Celebration of Madeline and Billy Glover's wedding anniversary.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30. Meditation music will begin at 4:00 in the church.**

**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.**

**THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH will take place on Sunday, December 22 following the 10:00 a.m. service. Brunch will follow for those participating. We once again would appreciate families sharing Christmas Nativity Scenes for display in the church. Please label them and drop them off in Fr. Chris' office.**

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE REQUESTS** - Today is the deadline for submitting your requests. Forms can be found on the table outside of the Parish Hall.

**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 PLANTS** - 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). **One plant is available for December 29.** Each plant 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), **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.



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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](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*

