



SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 5 P.M.

**THE FEAST OF LIGHT &
THE BURNING OF THE GREENS**



WELCOME!

**We celebrate God's love by welcoming all people
into a life with Jesus Christ and each other.**

Your presence blesses us, and we pray this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Whether you are a first-time guest, a longtime member, or somewhere in between, welcome to this place! Together we sing, read, pray, listen, and offer praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and the world.

Our liturgy comes from The Book of Common Prayer. You will find the accompanying page numbers in this bulletin. It includes the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Table. Please add your voice to our worship as we pray together the prayers printed in bold and sing the hymns found in this bulletin or in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

PRELUDE "Prélude sur l'introit de l'Épiphanie, Opus 13

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTSThe Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate***OPENING HYMN** "We three kings of Orient are" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 128

1 We three kings of Orient are,
2 Born a King on Beth-le-hem's plain,
3 Frank-in-cense to offer have I:
4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
5 Glo-rious now be-hold him a-rise,

1 gifts we tra-verse a-far,
2 bring to crown him a-gain,
3 owns a De-i-ty nigh;
4 life of gath-er-ing gloom;
5 God and Sac-ri-fice;

1 moor and moun-tain, fol-low-ing yon-der star.
2 ceas-ing nev-er o-ver us all to reign.
3 glad-ly rais-ing, wor-ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed-ing, dy-ing, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5 lu-ia: al-le-lu-ia the earth re-plies.

Refrain

O star of won-der, star of night,
star with roy-al beau-ty bright; west-ward lead-ing,
still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. | Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)**OPENING SENTENCE**Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3**The Book of Common Prayer* p. 115-116**THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION** (*Please kneel as you are able.*)*The Book of Common Prayer* p. 116

OFFICIANT Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

OFFICIANT

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*All stand.*)

The Book of Common Prayer p. 117

OFFICIANT

O God, make speed to save us.

PEOPLE

O Lord, make haste to help us.

ALL

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. Alleluia.

HYMN "O gracious Light" (*Remaining standing, all join in singing.*)

Hymnal 25

1 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in
2 Now sun-set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor-thy are you of end-less praise, O

you the Fa-ther's glo-ry shone. Im-mor-tal, ho-ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa-ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life giv-ing Lord; where-fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho-ly Son.
Spi-rit: God who dwells in the e-ter-nal light.
all the earth and in the high-est heaven a-dored.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*
Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal 1982* Words: © The Church Pension Fund.

The congregation may be seated.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14 DEUS, JUDICIUM (*Sung by the Choir.*)

Anglican Chant: David Hurd (b. 1950)

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *

and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *

and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *

like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *

and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, *

and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *

and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

THE LESSON: ISAIAH 60:1-6

READER A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "As with gladness men of old" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 119

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) | Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Please be seated.

THE LESSON: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

READER A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning" (*Please stand and join in singing stanzas 1-3.*)

Hymnal 117

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorm - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. | Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

OFFICIANT A reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

OFFICIANT The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand. All then recite the Creed 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.

The Book of Common Prayer p. 120

THE PRAYERS *(Remain standing.)*

The Book of Common Prayer p. 121

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 SUFFRAGES *(All say the responses in bold.)*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. **And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The congregation may be seated.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Three Kings"

Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

Three kings from Persian lands afar
 to Jordan follow the pointing star:
 And this the quest of the travellers three,
 where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
 Full royal gifts they bear for the King:
 Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
 the kings are trav'ling, travel with them!
 The star of mercy, the star of grace,
 shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
 Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring:
 Offer thy heart to the infant King, offer thy heart!

Dalton Woody, *Baritone Soloist*

The star shines out with steadfast ray;
 the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
 and there in worship they bend the knee,
 as Mary's child in her lap they see;
 their royal gifts they show to the King:
 Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

PRESENTATION HYMN "I want to walk as a child of the light" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,
 and we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Hymn continues on next page.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all. The
night and the day are both alike. The
Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(Please remain standing.)*

The Book of Common Prayer p.

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

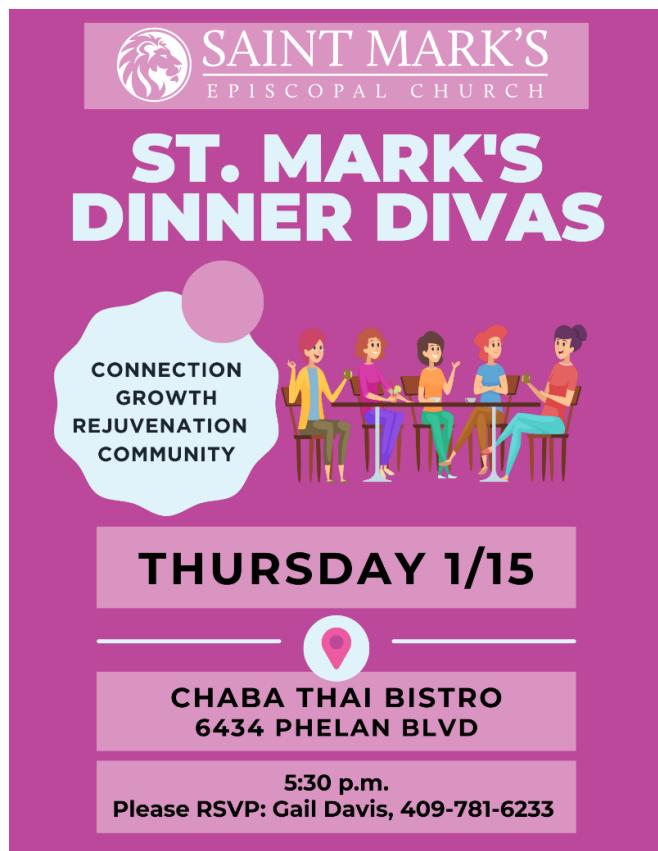
THE GRACE

The Book of Common Prayer p. 126

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

THE BAGPIPER LEADS THE PROCESSION TO THE BURNING OF THE GREENS.



What is the PIT Count???

It is the annual census of the local homeless population. This is so important because it helps us know how many people are experiencing homelessness in our community & learn about their needs.



Volunteer Sign-Up



For More Information:

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Regional PIT Lead
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Amazon Wish List



At the **January meeting of the Daughters of the King**, Deacon Tracie will lead a hands-on program on making an Anglican Rosary (prayer beads). This will be a meaningful time of learning, prayer, and fellowship as we explore this devotional practice together. Whether you are new to using prayer beads or have made them before, women are invited to come, learn, and share in this time together. The meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 18, at 4:00 p.m.** in Gilbert Hall. All women of St. Mark's are invited to attend. Please text or call Pat Sherwood at 409-670-2797 if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

St. Mark's Treasure House 70th Anniversary Gala

Platinum Jubilee

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

6PM

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Gala is free,
but RSVP will be required.



RSVP HERE:

<https://treasurehouse70thanniversarygala.eventbrite.com>

God willing

The Right Reverend Jeff W. Fisher

*Bishop Suffragan of Texas
will ordain*

Christopher Paul Hilton

*to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church*

**FEBRUARY 13, A.D. 2026
FRIDAY - 6:00 P.M.**



The Episcopal Diocese of Texas
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
680 Calder, Beaumont, Texas, 77701

Your prayers and presence are requested. Reception to follow.

CLERGY VESTING: RED STOLES



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, January 12

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, January 13

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon
12:00 p.m. Healing Service
12:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, January 14

12:00 p.m. AA
5:45 p.m. Handbells
6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 15

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon

Friday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

Sunday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Spoken*)
9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation (*The Cloister*)
9:15 a.m. Formation
10:30 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*With Music*)

SAVE THE DATE

January 18	Daughters of the King at 4 p.m.
January 25	Quarterly Parish Meeting at 9:15 a.m.
January 30	Treasure House Jubilee at 6 p.m.
February 13	Deacon Christopher's Ordination at 6 p.m.
February 18	Ash Wednesday: 7 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m.

CLERGY AND PROGRAM STAFF

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*

The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*

The Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate*

The Rev. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. Tracie Middleton, *Deacon*

Jordan Williams, *Organist-Choirmaster*

Genevieve Brassard, *Assistant Director of Music*

Jerome Wells, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*

Lauren Johnsen, *Director of Family Ministry*

Vestry

Josh Allen, *Senior Warden*

Ryan Schiesler, *Junior Warden*

Jan Blessing, *Treasurer*

James Black, *Chancellor*

2026

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Rebecca Boone
Scootie Clark
Ryan Schiesler
Becky Underhill

2027

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2028

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