



SAINT MARK'S

E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

DECEMBER 28, 2025 • HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II • 10:30 A.M.
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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 that your worship and time with us will be a blessing to you. Whether you are a first-time visitor, a longtime member, or somewhere in between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world.

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.

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. All baptized Christians – no matter your age or denomination – are welcome to receive communion. Visitors who are not baptized Christians are welcome to come forward during Communion to receive a blessing.

Children are a welcome blessing at St. Mark's. Many depart after the beginning of the service for Children's Chapel. We also have a "wobble room" located in the front hallway which includes a livestream of this service.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*OPENING HYMN "It came upon the midnight clear" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 89

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. | Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer p. 355

CELEBRANT Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT 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.*

A SONG OF PRAISE: "Angels we have heard on high" (*Remaining standing, all sing stanza 1.*)

Hymnal 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

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

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second line. The third system begins the refrain with the word 'Glo' and a long melisma. The fourth system continues the refrain with 'in ex-cel-sis De-o' and another melisma. The fifth system concludes the refrain with '- ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o'.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated. (There is no Children's Chapel this morning.)

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

READER A reading from the book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
 that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147 LAUDATE DOMINUM *(Spoken by half verse.)*

- 1 Hallelujah!
 How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
 how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
 he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
 and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
 and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
 there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
 but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
 make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
 and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
 and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
 and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
 he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
 in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE: GALATIANS 3:23-25, 4:4-7

READER A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

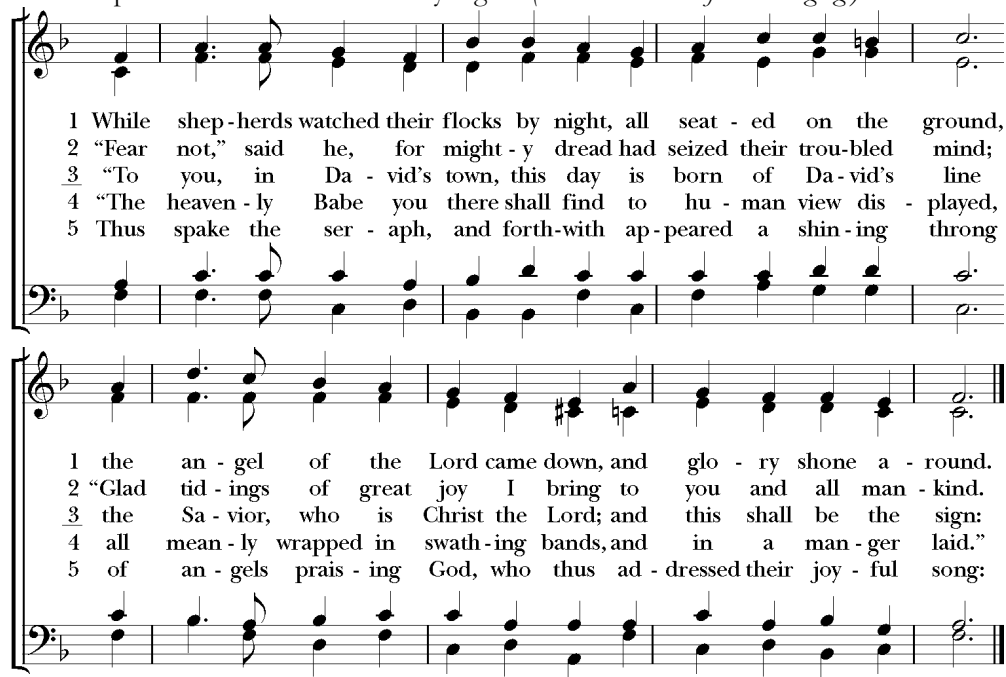
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN "While shepherds watched the flocks by night" *(Please stand and join in singing.)*

Hymnal 94



1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat-ed on the ground,
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
 3 "To you, in Da-vid's town, this day is born of Da-vid's line
 4 "The heaven-ly Babe you there shall find to hu-man view dis-played,
 5 Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing throng

1 the an-gel of the Lord came down, and glo-ry shone a-round.
 2 "Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
 3 the Sa-vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 4 all mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man-ger laid."
 5 of an-gels prais-ing God, who thus ad-dressed their joy-ful song;

Music: *Winchester Old*, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18 *(Please remain standing.)*

CELEBRANT The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

CELEBRANT The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING *(The People are invited to request their favorite Christmas carol. Limit suggestions to Hymns 77 through 115.)*

THE NICENE CREED *(The People stand and join in reciting the Creed together.)*

The Book of Common Prayer 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Form III) (The People may stand or kneel.)*
The Leader and People pray responsively

The Book of Common Prayer p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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 PEACE

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY “A Christmas Suite: Meditation on An English Carol”

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

PRESENTATION HYMN “What child is this” (*The People stand as the ushers come forward.*)

Hymnal 115

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds
guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B (*The People remain standing.*)

The Book of Common Prayer p. 367

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

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 him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD: SANCTUS (*Sung by all.*)

S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant then praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues...

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. *AMEN.*

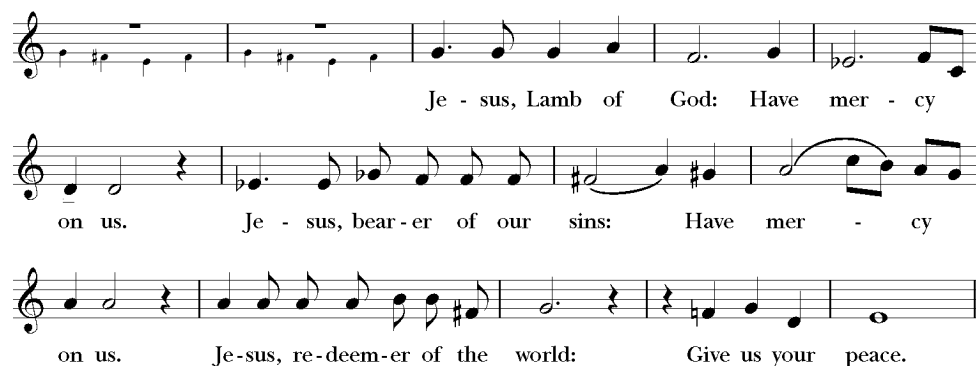
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM: AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S 165



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 of the world: Give us your peace.

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CELEBRANT The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People sit. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Spoken by all, standing.*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMENDATION OF THOSE TAKING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND (*As needed.*)

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING



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!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “A Christmas Suite”

A Christmas Rondel (Based on *The First Nowell*, *Puer natus in Bethlehem*, and *Adeste fidelis*)

Callahan

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MUSIC NOTE

Our beloved Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ (Opus 1391) is “away” undergoing a complete restoration. We are grateful to the parishioners, community members, and foundations who have come forward to graciously support our preservation of this historic instrument. Our project is now fully funded, thanks be to God. We anticipate the organ will be complete in time for Easter!

THE BURNING OF THE GREENS

AT ST. MARK'S

NOW

- Drop Off Trees at Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

- 5PM Service in the Church
- Bagpipe Procession Outside
- Meal Follows
- Nursery Provided



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) *Spoken*
9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation: *The Cloister*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) *Sung*

Monday, December 29

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, December 30

12:00 p.m. Healing Service

Wednesday, December 31

12:00 p.m. Parish Office Closes Early

Thursday, January 1

Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 2

Parish Office Closed

UPCOMING

January 11 Burning of the Greens at 5 p.m.
January 25 Quarterly Parish Meeting at 9:15 a.m.
January 30 Treasure House Jubilee at 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*
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Jerome Wells, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*
Lauren Johnsen, *Director of Family Ministry*
Paula O'Neal, *Director of Outreach*

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Ryan Schiesler, *Junior Warden*
Jan Blessing, *Treasurer*
James Black, *Chancellor*

2026

Josh Allen
Rebecca Boone
Scootie Clark
Ryan Schiesler
Becky Underhill

2027

Gail Davis
Floyd McSpadden
Pat Sherwood
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2028

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