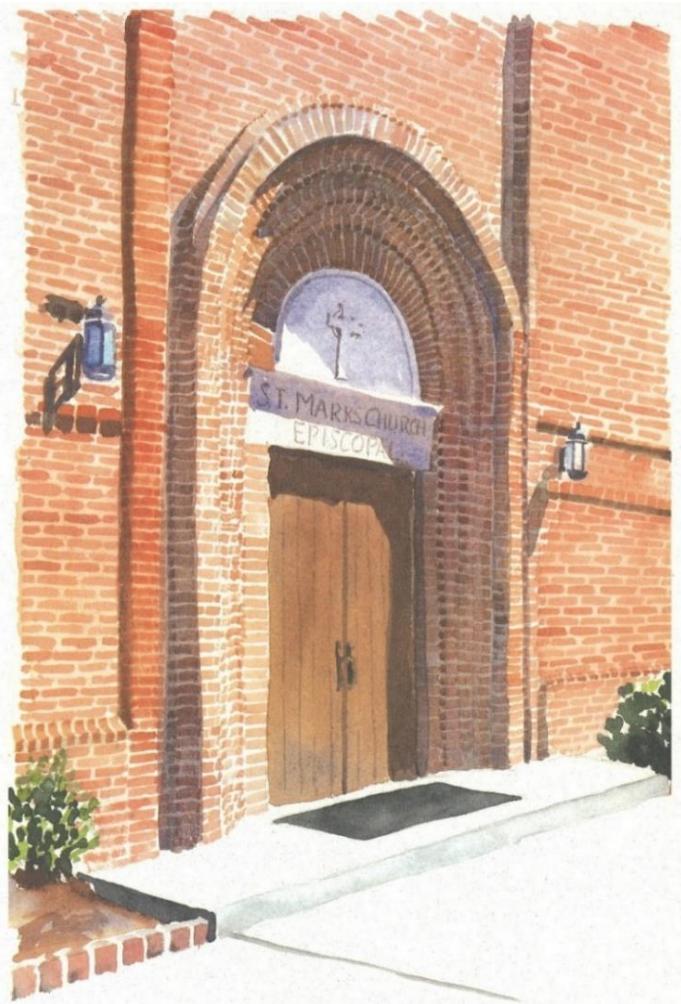




SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**JANUARY 18, 2026 • HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II • 10:30 A.M.
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**



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 break bread in thanksgiving and 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.

All baptized Christians – no matter your age or denomination – are welcome to receive communion. If you are more comfortable coming forward for a blessing, please cross your arms and a blessing will be offered over you. Children are a welcome blessing here at St. Mark's. Many depart after the beginning of the service for Children's Chapel.

HANDBELL PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Arnold B. Sherman (b. 1948)
 Genevieve Brassard, *Handbell Choir Director*

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate*

OPENING HYMN "Christ, whose glory fills the skies" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 7

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Ratisbon, melody from *Geistliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO: Mass in E

Jeffrey Smith (b. 1961)

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,

re-ceive our prayer. *organ* For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960), Mass in E Copyright: © 1991 Morning Star Publishers; Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-729915.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

CELEBRANT Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated. The Children are invited to depart for Chapel.

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 49:1-7

READER A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD,

and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-12 EXPECTANS, EXPECTAVI (*Please remain seated as the Choir sings.*) *Anglican Chant: Thomas Atwood Walmisley (1814-1856)*

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
 he stooped to me and heard my cry.
2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
 he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
 they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
 there is none who can be compared with you.
6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
 but they are more than I can count.
7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
 (you have given me ears to hear you);
8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
 and so I said, "Behold, I come.
9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"
10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
 behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.
11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

THE EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

READER A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt.

Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)**THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-42** (*Please remain standing.*)

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

CELEBRANT The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****THE SERMON**The Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate*

THE NICENE CREED (*The People stand and join in saying 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 Book of Common Prayer p. 387*

The Leader and People pray responsively

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.

THE 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 Bishop, when present, or 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 ANTHEM "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

T. Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

At the Offertory, the Choir sings an anthem based on the text from today's opening hymn by T. Frederick Candlyn. He was an English-born composer and organist-choirmaster who came to the United States and served two Episcopal parishes in New York. Twenty-eight of those years were at St. Paul's Albany. He was later appointed to the prestigious post of St. Thomas Fifth Avenue. At the time, *The Diapason* wrote that Candlyn was "known to all church musicians for his compositions." This morning's anthem is arguably his most famous. His setting of the well-known hymn text is lush and romantic. The glorious anthem proclaims Christ as the Sun of Righteousness and Light of the World.

PRESENTATION HYMN (The People stand as the ushers come forward. Then, all join in singing.)

Unison or harmony

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.
Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902;

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

The Book of Common Prayer p. 361

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

PEOPLE Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give The knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*)

Smith

organ

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and
 might, heav'n 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, ho - san - na, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

Smith

(Organ) Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; grant us 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. The altar of Saint Mark's Church is God's Table, and all are welcome. If you are more comfortable coming forward for a blessing, please cross your arms and a blessing will be offered over you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Please join the Choir in singing Hymn 497.

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

CLOSING HYMN "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim" (All join in singing.)

Hymnal 535

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
4. Then let us adore, and give him his right:
and publish a broad his won-der-ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres-ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,
the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,
his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

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

Music: Paderborn, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

DISMISSAL

DEACON

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE** "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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MUSIC NOTES

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!

TODAY! The **January meeting of the Daughters of the King is this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Gilbert Building.** 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. 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!



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QUARTERLY
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SUNDAY,
JANUARY 25

JOIN US
9:15AM

PAYNE HALL

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 Now:

<https://treasurehouse70thanniversarygala.eventbrite.com>

PIT COUNT

THURSDAY,
JANUARY 22, 2026



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.

WAYS TO HELP:



Survey Volunteers
Go out in teams to count and survey individuals experiencing homelessness.



PIT Week Runners
Transport supplies to and from local PIT hubs & hot spots.



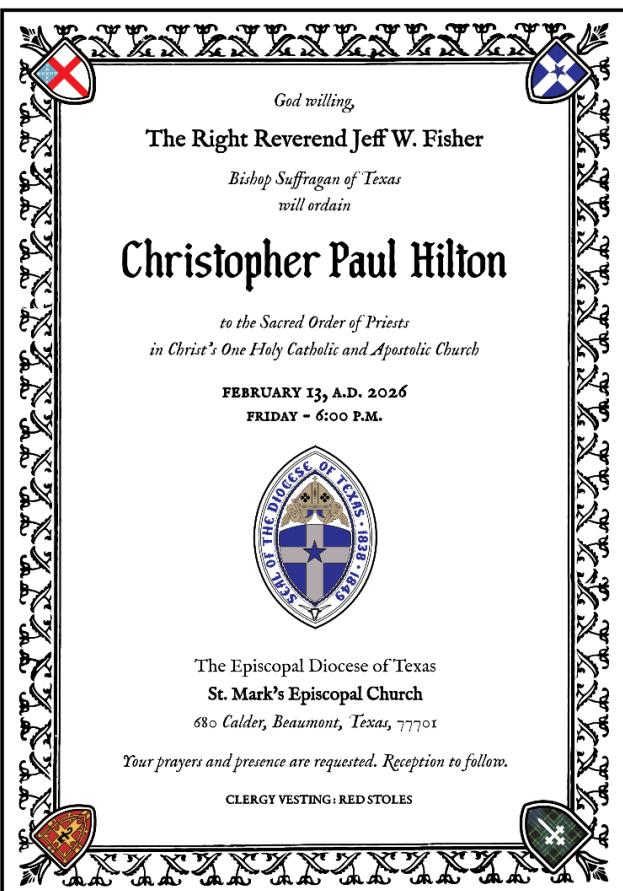
Supply Packers
Assist with packing supplies to be used on PIT Day. Workday on Tues, Jan 13, 10-2p.



Donate Supplies
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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

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 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*With Music*)
4:00 p.m. Daughters of the King

Monday, January 19

MLK Day: Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 21

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

Thursday, January 22

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon

Friday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

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.
March 1 Choral Evensong for Lent at 5 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*

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