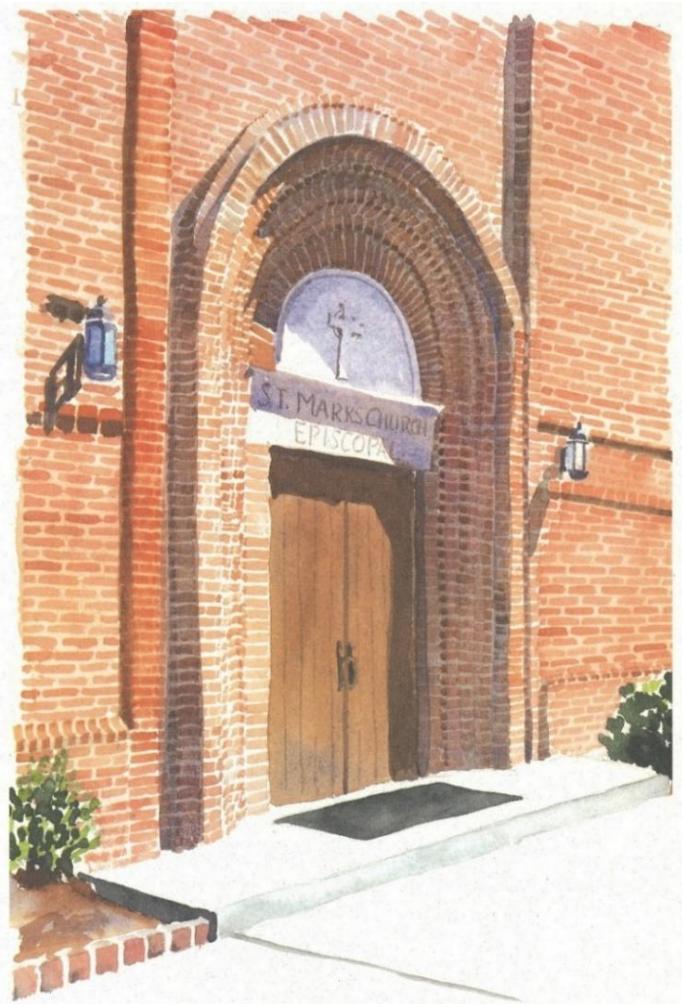




SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**JANUARY 4, 2026 • HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II • 10:30 A.M.
THE SECOND 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 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.

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OPENING HYMN "Angels from the realms of glory" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scand - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: come and wor - ship,
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star: shall ap - pear:
 in his tem - ple

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
 Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

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.*

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
 PEOPLE **And also with you.**
 CELEBRANT Let us pray.
 CELEBRANT O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

After the message is shared, The Children are invited to depart for Chapel.

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

THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:7-14

READER A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
 proclaim, give praise, and say,
 "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."
 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
 those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.
 With weeping they shall come,
 and with consolations I will lead them back,
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
 for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.
 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;
 say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
 their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.
 I will turn their mourning into joy,
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

PSALM 84:1-8 Quam dilecta! (*Please remain seated as the Choir sings.*) *Anglican Chant: Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)*
 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.
 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
 6 They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
 and look upon the face of your Anointed.

THE EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 15-19A

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

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 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12 (Please remain standing.)

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

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

CELEBRANT The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*

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 "What Is This Lovely Fragrance!"

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

What is this lovely fragrance wafting
like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty,
Hear you not heav'ly caroling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting
Like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps,
Seek the Saviour, born today.
Low at His feet we lay our treasure,
Heart's adoration, love for aye.
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps,
Seek the Saviour, born today.

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 shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

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, 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.

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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.*

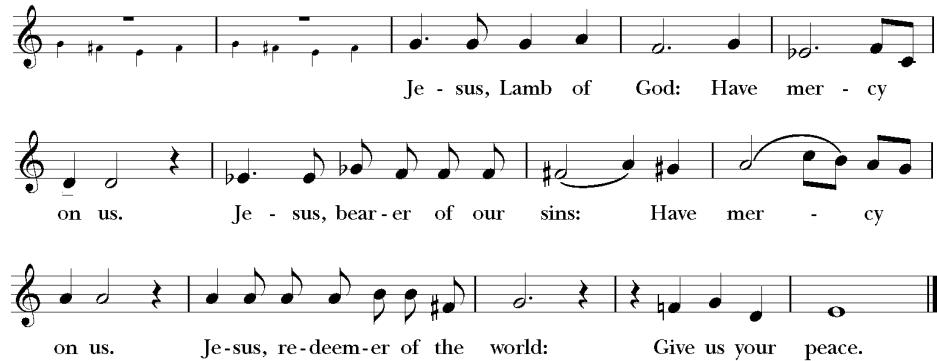
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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. 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 Hymns 82 and 84.

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

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!

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. | Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901)

DISMISSAL

DEACON

PEOPLE

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

POSTLUDE "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"

arr. Sharon Elery Rogers (1929-2022)



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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QUARTERLY MEETING

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.

For where your treasure is
St. Mark's
Treasure House
there will your heart be also



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, January 4

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

Monday, January 5

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 7

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

Thursday, January 8

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon

Friday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

January 11 Eucharistic Minister Training at 9:15 a.m.
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*
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

Josh Allen
Rebecca Boone
Scootie Clark
Ryan Schiesler
Becky Underhill

2027

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2028

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