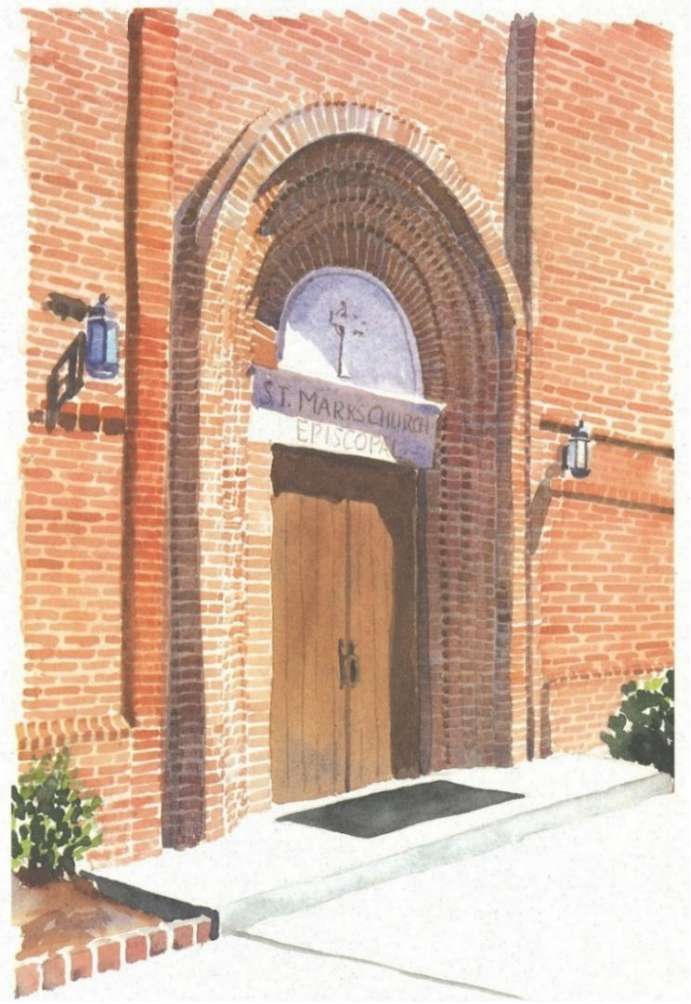
SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 • THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II • 10:30 A.M. • PROPER 27



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.

PRELUDE Meditation on "*Land of Rest*" Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*

OPENING HYMN "O day of radiant gladness" *(Please stand and join in singing.)* Hymnal 48



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Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)
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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 413

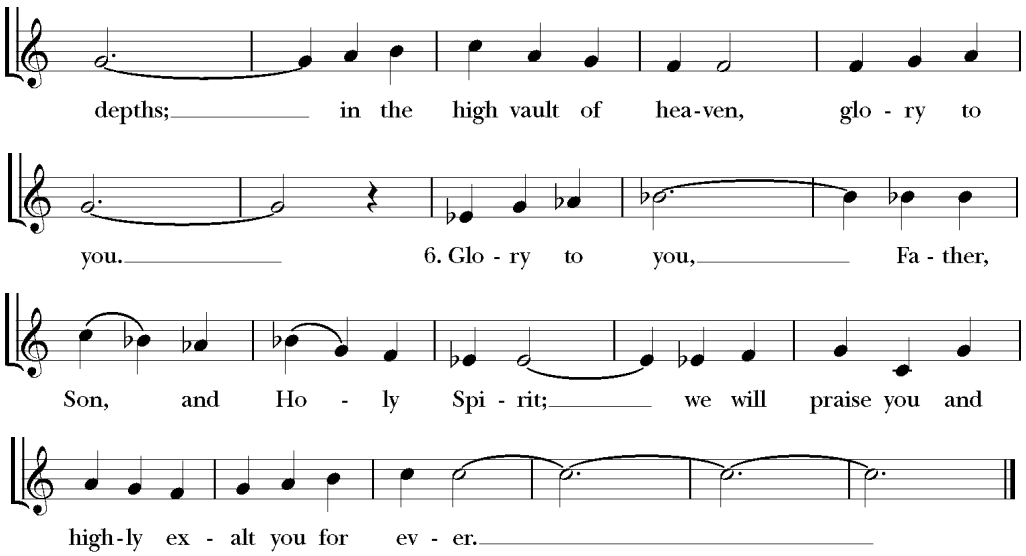
CELEBRANT Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE "Glory to you" *(Sung by all.)* John Rutter (b. 1945)





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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Congregation may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: WISDOM 6:12-16

READER A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

PSALM 70 *DEUS, IN ADJUTORIUM* *(Sung by the Choir.)*

Anglican Chant: Ken Miller (b. 1991)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

THE EPISTLE: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

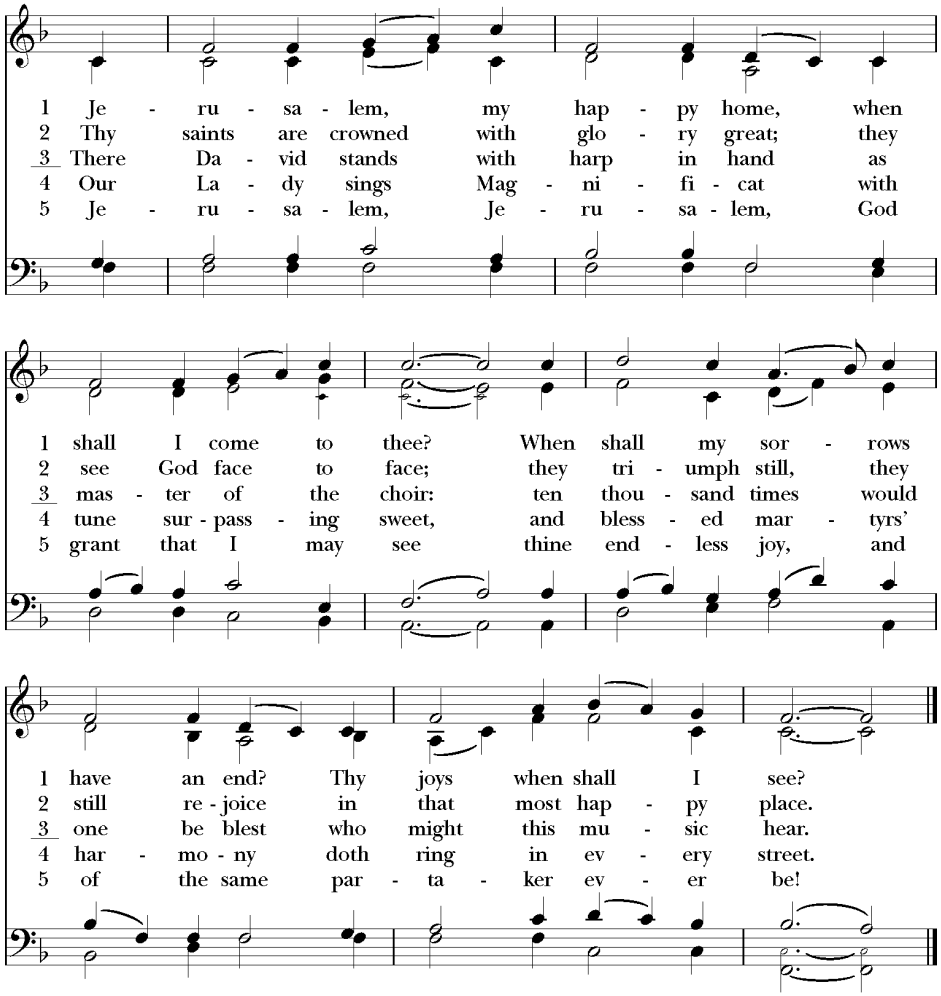
READER A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN "Jerusalem, my happy home" *(Please stand and join in singing.)* Hymnal 620



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THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13 *(Please remain standing.)*

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

GOSPELER The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Tracie Middleton, *Deacon*

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 V) *(The People may stand or kneel.)* *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 389

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; Gina, our Governor-Elect; and all our elected officials in Southeast Texas, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Saint Mark and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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 "Offertory"

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

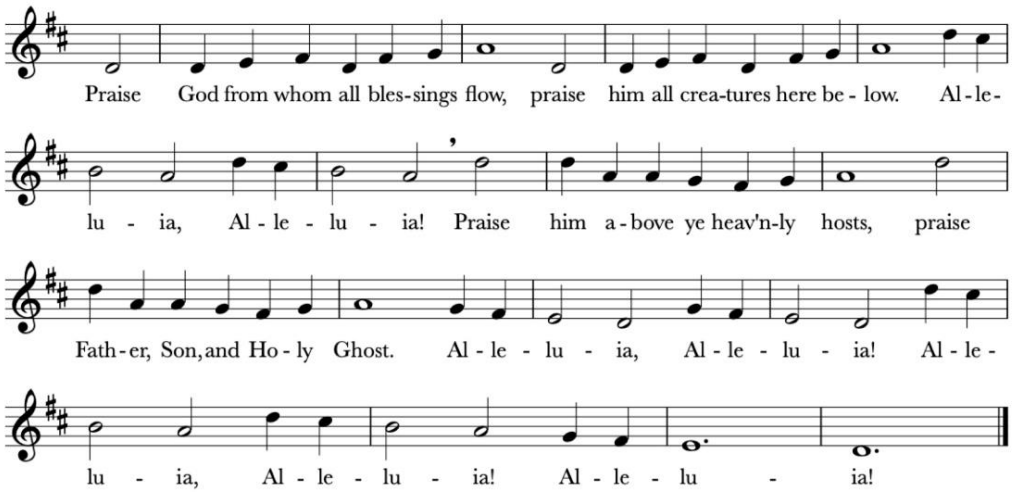
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man,
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

– Micah 6:6-8

FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

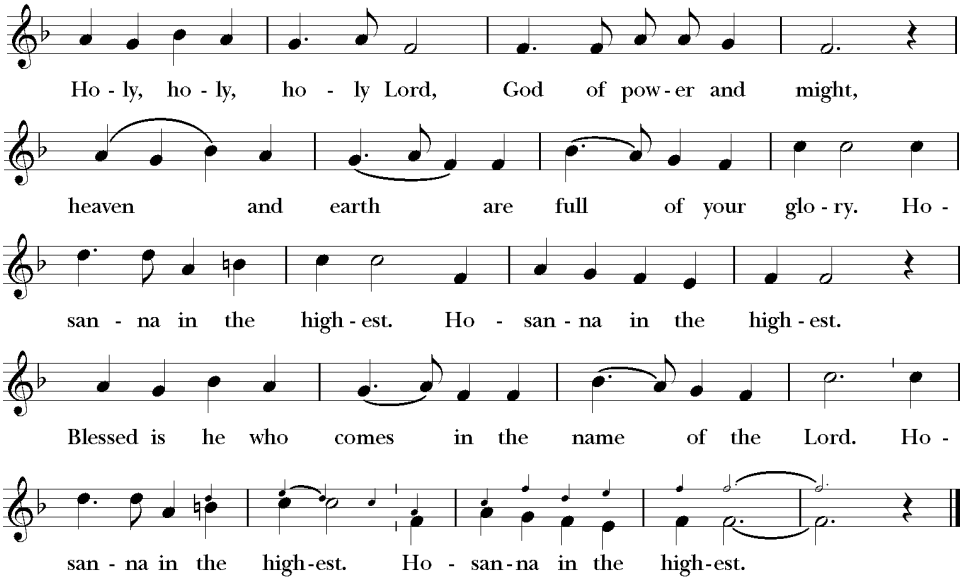
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A *(The People remain standing.)* *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 361

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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* Hymnal S 125



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The People stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

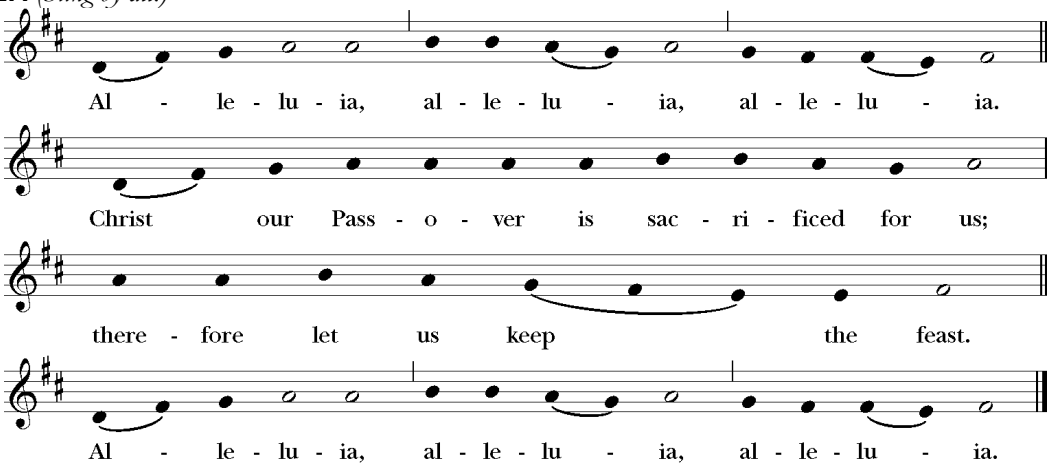
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 *(Sung by all.)* Hymnal S 154



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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 *Please join the Choir in singing* ***Hymns 324 and 574*** *from The Hymnal 1982.*

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 "Lift up ye heads, ye mighty gates" *(Sung by all.)* Hymnal 436



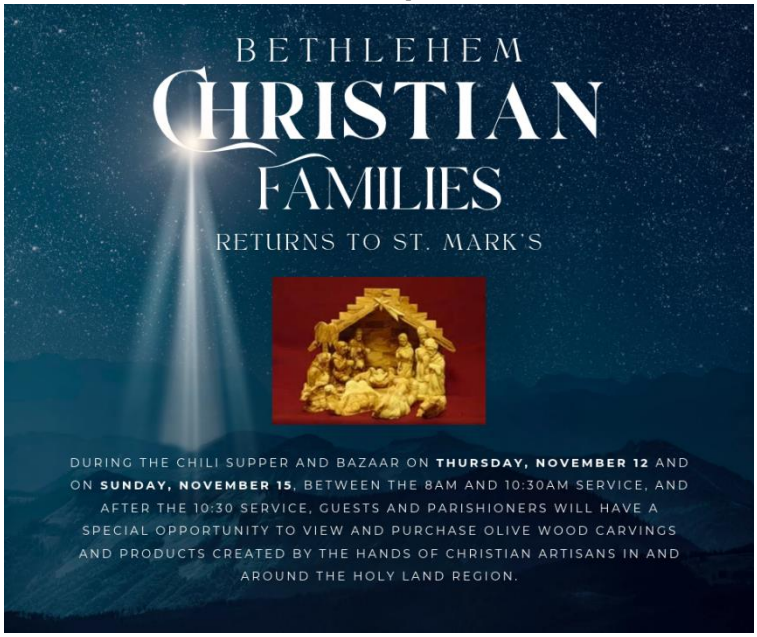
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THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

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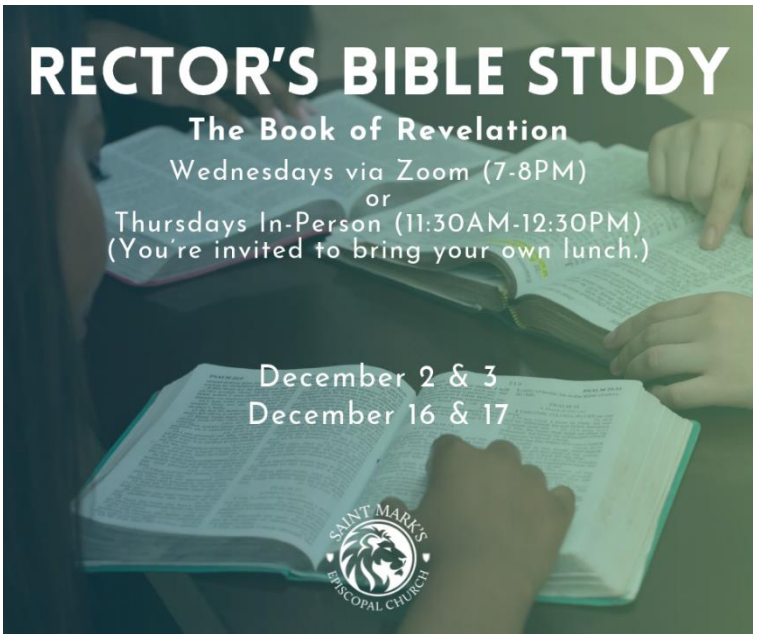














This Week at St. Mark's

Sunday, November 8

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I *(Spoken)*
9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation *(The Cloister)*
9:15 a.m. Formation *(All ages)*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *(Choral)*
5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong

Monday, November 9

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, November 10

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

Wednesday, November 11

12:00 p.m. AA
5:30 p.m. Grief Group *(Gilbert Building)*
5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12

10:00 a.m. Bazaar Opens
11:00 a.m. Chili Supper Begins

Friday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

Save the Date

November 16 Vestry
November 28 Men's Holy Smokers
November 29 Advent Wreath Making at 9:15 a.m.
December 4 Kids' Night Out
December 20 Lessons & Carols 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*
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