

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

The First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025





This week's leaflets are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Mara Witman, Anne Lorah, Diana Anders, Julie Combs, Joe Orlando & Kathleen Mraz.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of the parents of Dr. Sheila Chellappa & Dr. David Chellappa.

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Please note the **restrooms and nursery** are located in the undercroft below the sanctuary. You may access either by entering through the first level door from the parking lot or use the sanctuary stairs behind the organ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Welcome to Saint Mark's online and in person worship! Go to our webpage www.stmarkshb.org, click on YouTube to view.
- 2. Please remember the Saint Mark's "Little Food Cupboard", bring canned /dry food. City Gate Prison Ministry dinner is Dec. 13th. See Frank Weaver or Stu McLauchlan to help.
- 3. Annual Pledge Cards for 2026 were mailed to every member. Please help Treasurer, Liz and the Budget Team by getting yours in for the blessing of pledges, Dec.7th. We have 30 to date aiming at 40!
- 4. "Operation Christmas Child" gifts were packed and wrapped. Thank you to all who helped. A donation of \$10 will enable us to send them around the world.
- 5. Saint Mark's Christmas Cantata, Vivaldi's "Gloria" is Sunday Dec. 21th at the 10:30 Mass. Remember to invite a Friend to Church, if you want to help us grow!
- 6. This year's Candlelight Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be at 6:00 PM. Christmas Day spoken Morning Prayer will be celebrated and led by Beth Snow at 10:30 AM.
- 7. Thankyou Choirmaster, Zack, and all who helped our outreach to Honey Brook with St. Clement's Day caroling!
- 8. Thank you to Dr. Asha for this year's Advent retreat Dec.13

Birthdays
A. Lorah, 12/1 Diana Anders, & Julie Combs 12/4
Joe Orlando, & Kathleen Mraz, 12/5

Anniversaries
None known

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Bells Ring Prelude "Comfort Ye, My People" Messiah—G. F. Handel Announcements

(ALL RISE)

Apostolic Greeting

- C In the name of the + Father, and of the + Son, and of the + .Holy Spirit
- P Amen.



PENITENTIAL RITE.

Priest

C Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries .

People

P 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 Holy Name. Amen

Priest

C May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to + everlasting life.

Amen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (54)



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INTROIT "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

The Choir sings the first verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" As we light the first candle of the Advent Wreath.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath is a symbol for the four Sundays in Advent when the church invites all souls to prepare room in their hearts for the birth of God, in the flesh, Jesus.

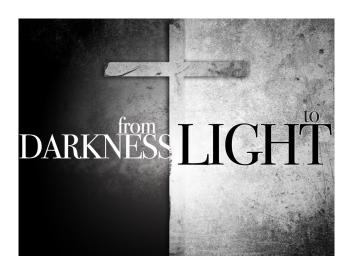
Preparing for Jesus can take many forms. Typically the church attended to serving the poor in Advent as Jesus said: "As you did it to the least of these, you did it to me."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- C The Lord be with you.
- P And also with you.
- C Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

P Amen



Kyrie Eleison



Music: James McGregor (b. 1930), after *Verbum caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612). Copyright © 1976 James McGregor.

(Please be seated)

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD + THE FIRST READING A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

- L The Word of the Lord.
- P Thanks be to God.



PSALM 122

(Sung)

Charles Villiers Stanford



- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Je rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with it self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- †5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.
 - 6 Pray for the peace of Je rusalem: *

 "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be with in your walls * and quietness with in your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com panions' sake, * I pray for your pros perity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
 I will seek to do you good."

THE SECOND READING A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Saint Paul Wrote: How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- P Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation)



THE HOLY GOSPEL

- C The Lord be with you.
- P And also with you.
- C The Holy Gospel according to **St. Matthew**
- P Glory to you, Lord Christ

NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT
THAT DAY OR HOUR, NOT
EVEN THE ANGELS IN
HEAVEN, NOR THE SON,
BUT ONLY THE FATHER.
- MATTHEW 24:36

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

C The Gospel of the LordP Praise to you, Lord Christ



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

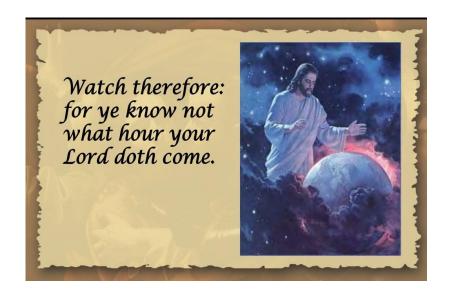
The Gospel Acclamation is sing as the book of the Gospels is reposed.



Please Sit

THE HOMILY

(All rise following the homily)



THE HYMN OF THE DAY (61)

Sleepers Wake

Wachet Auf, ruft uns stimme



THE NICENE CREED

Said by all

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

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I 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. (Bow)

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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.

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I 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.
I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Please kneel or sit. The people respond prayerfully with the words in **bold** type.)

L Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Silence

L For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

P Hear our prayer.

L For Sarah, our Archbishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Daniel, our Diocesan Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

P Hear our prayer.

L For all those who are seeking Christ as their king and are conscience of his rule in their lives. Lord, in your mercy:

P Hear our prayer.

L For our brothers and sisters in Israel, Palestine, Gaza and the Ukraine who suffer in war. Lord, in your mercy:

P Hear our prayer.

L For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially our president. Lord, in your mercy:

P Hear our prayer.

L For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

WE ESPECIALLY PRAY FOR: KIM MINOR, FRANK WEAVER, AMANDA COSTANZO, CLAUDIA, DEVON MATTOCKS, MARY HAYES, BRIAN HENDERSON, BRIDGET SMITH, DEBORAH SMITH, MICHELLE NASS, HOWARD BORGSTROM, BLAIR MENDENHALL, Bernard Miller, Howdy Benner, Christine Todd, Sandy Shaffer, Michael Morris, Jeff Haas, Dorothy Stauffer, Nelson Price, Marge Darby, Sue Lorah, Brian Lee, Diana Anders, Bill Freeman, Ron Shingle, Mary Ann Gallagher, Wanda Bullock, Julie Combs, Diane Spath, Lois Schultz, Taran Miller, Sheri Monti, Jane Shingle, Julie (Nass) Immel, The Dienno Family, Bella Maria, Beverly Karlson, And those we now name aloud or silently...

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People may add their own petitions

L Lord in your mercy;

P Hear our prayer.

L For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, Lord, in your mercy;

P Hear our prayer.

(Celebrant says the concluding collect)

C Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **P Amen.**



(All Rise)

THE PEACE

(Shared by Gesture only)

- C Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.
- C The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- P And also with you.
- C Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

(Please Sit)

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS

(The gifts of bread and wine come forward)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(Please be seated during the Anthem)

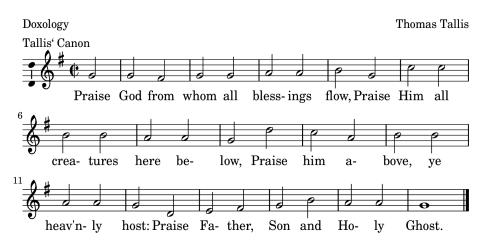
OFFERING

(Ushers pass offering plates and bring them forward)



OFFERTORY Canticle "The Doxology"

Sung by all



+THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST+ THE OFFERTORY PRAYERS

C Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation for through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

P Blessed be God forever.

- C Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation for through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- P Blessed be God forever.
- C Pray friends that this Eucharist may be acceptable to the almighty Father.
- P May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Sursum Corda)

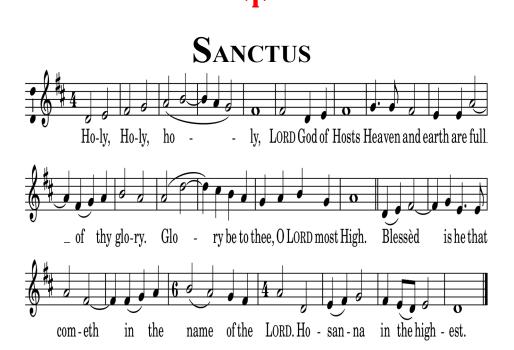
- C The Lord be with you.
- P And also with you.
- C Lift up your hearts.
- P We lift them to the Lord.
- C Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P It is right to give him thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER ADVENT PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(kneel/sit)

You are indeed holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us +++ The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his passion, he took bread and giving thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you, do this in remembrance of me." +++

In a similar way when supper was ended, he took the chalice and giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying; Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, do this for the remembrance of me." +++

So, we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Celebrant and People*

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

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation. Giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The Celebrant continues)

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with our Bishops, Justin, Michael and Daniel and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy; welcome them into the light of your face; have mercy on us all we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever. **AMEN**.

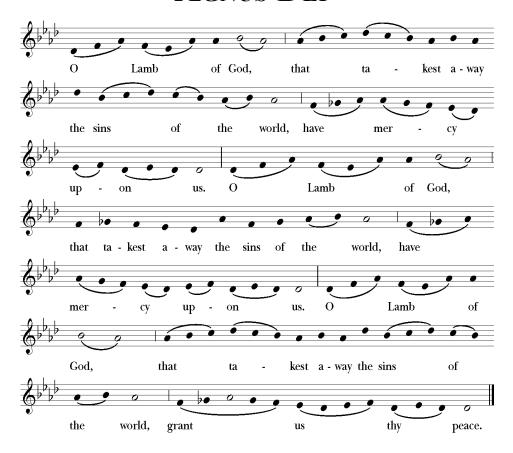
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
- P 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 FRACTION

- C Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
- P Therefore, let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI



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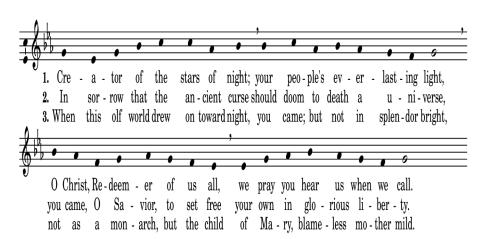
- C This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
- P Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

+ Holy Communion +

All persons are welcome to receive a communion blessing, baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward using the center aisles on each side. Please proceed with cupped hands to receive the host. Those desiring to receive the Blood of Christ should step forward to the Eucharistic Minister, then dip their Host in the chalice. If you are unable to walk to the communion, the Priest or Deacon will communion you at your pew.



Communion Hymn (60)



Communion Prayer

C The Lord be with you **P** And also with you C Let us Pray together

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.



BENEDICTION

- C The Blessing of God Almighty, + The Father, + The Son, and + The Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
- P Amen.



CLOSING HYMN (57)



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Helmsley, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

POSTLUDE DISMISSAL

- C The Mass is ended. Go in peace. Serve the Lord..
- P Thanks be to God.

Holy Eucharist Leaders

Celebrant & Priest Eucharistic Minister: Ryan Mulligan Gift Bearers: Liz & Sandy Lectors/Readers Prayers: Kim Symonds

Acolyte: Symonds, Wetzel & Costanzo

Altar Guild: Verna Emery
Greeter: Rose Dienno
Counters: Toni M & John M
Sunday School Ivanna Freeman

Fellowship Lunch Cooks

Appetizer/Salad: Fr. Kim & Dr. Asha Main Course: Kim Symonds Dessert Violet Minor

Visitors: Please join us for Lunch following the Eucharist





Nov. 30	- FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
	8:00 AM Choir School
	9:00 AM Choir rehearsal
	10:30 AM Eucharist & Advent Wreath Lit
	11:30 AM Lunch & CCCF Video Talk
Dec. 7	-SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
	8:00 AM Choir School
	9:00 AM Choir rehearsal
	10:30 AM St. Nicholas Eucharist & Pledges
	11:30 AM Pledge Card Lunch
Dec. 14	-THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
	8:00 AM Choir School
	9:00 AM Choir rehearsal
	10:30 AM Eucharist & Nativity Tableau
	11:30 AM Lunch
Dec. 21	- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
	8:00 AM Choir School
	9:00 AM Choir rehearsal
	10:30 AM EUCHARIST & Choir "Gloria"
	11:30 AM Vivaldi's "Gloria" Lunch
Dec. 24	- CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS
<u>Dec.</u> 24	6:00 PM Candel Light Nativity Eucharist
Dec. 25	- CHRISTMAS DAY
<u>Dec.</u> 23	
	10:30 AM - Morning Prayer