

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

The Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025





This week's leaflets are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. David Chellappa's birthday..

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God wishing St.Mark's Church a Blessed Christmas given by Sandy

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 Jan.10th. See Frank Weaver or Stu McLauchlan to help.
- 3. Annual Pledge Cards for 2026 were mailed to every member to help Treasurer Liz & Budget Team. We blessed the 2026 pledges last Sunday. Please return your ASAP. It is every member's responsibility to help form the budget with their pledge.
- 4. Thank you to Dr. Asha for The 2026 Advent Retreat. There were 20 registrants this year attending.
- 5. Saint Mark's Christmas Cantata, Vivaldi's "Gloria" is next Sunday Dec. 21th at the 10:30 Mass. Remember to invite a Friend to Church!
- 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. Hearts In Hands/CCCF Children's Christmas Gifts should be returned today, Dec. 14th with tags on them.
- 8. Altar Poinsettia Memorial forms are on the back table. Please use them to sponsor Altar Christmas Flowers for a loved one.
- 9. Thank you to Sunday School for the "Christmas Tableau." Today. Thank you to Ivanna Freeman& teachers & children. Please join them for the Christmas lunch after church.

Birthdays	Dec 14 to Dec. 21	Anniversaries
Dr. David Chellappa 12/14		None known

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Bells Ring Prelude Announcements

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

C = Priest celebrant

P= Congregation

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (339)



INTROIT "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (56)

The Choir sings the verses of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" As we light the third 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, 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 wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

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



MAGNIFICAT (ST. LUKE 1:46)



- My soul doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath re joiced in God my Savior.
- For he hath regarded * the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- For be hold from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed.
- For he that is mighty hath magnified me, * and holy is his Name.
- And his mercy is on them that fear him * +5 throughout all generations.
- He hath showed strength with his arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagi nation of their hearts.
- He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath ex'alted the humble and meek.
- He hath filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he hath sent empty a way.
- He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, * as he promised to our forefathers,

Abraham and his seed for ever.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the be ginning, is now, * and will be for ever. A men.

THE SECOND READING A READING FROM ST. JAMES

Saint James wrote: Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

- 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. Luke
- P Glory to you, Lord Christ



THE HOLY GOSPEL

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



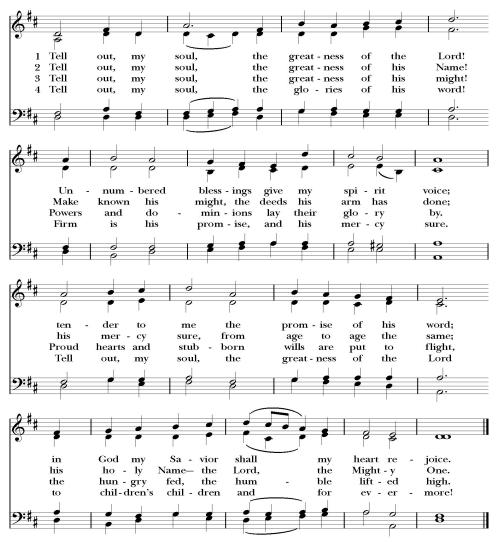
Please Sit

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

(All rise following the Children's Tableau)



THE HYMN OF THE DAY (437)



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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 one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Lord, in your mercy:

P Hear our prayer.

L For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, 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 earnestly seeking the presence of the Messiah in their lives, that they may recognize him with the poor. 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 Guide our nation, especially those in authority, to seek mercy, justice, and peace for all those created in the image of God. 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: LAURIE FINN, KIM MINOR, FRANK WEAVER, AMANDA COSTANZO, CLAUDIA, DEVON MATTOCKS, MARY HAYES, BRIAN HENDERSON, MICHELLE NASS, 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)

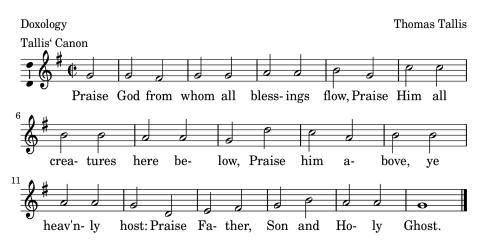
OFFERING

(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)

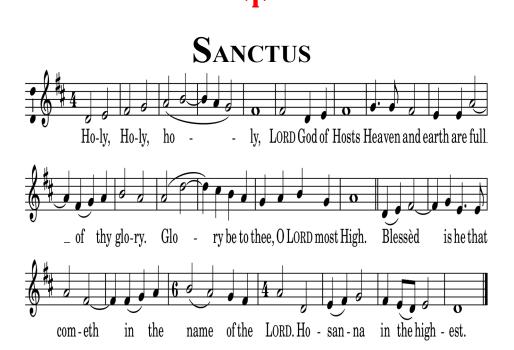
- C The Lord be with you.
- P And also with you.
- C Lift up your hearts.
- P We lift them to the Lord.
- C Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, Sarah, 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



AGNUS DEI

- 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.

Communion Hymn (67)



+ 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 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.

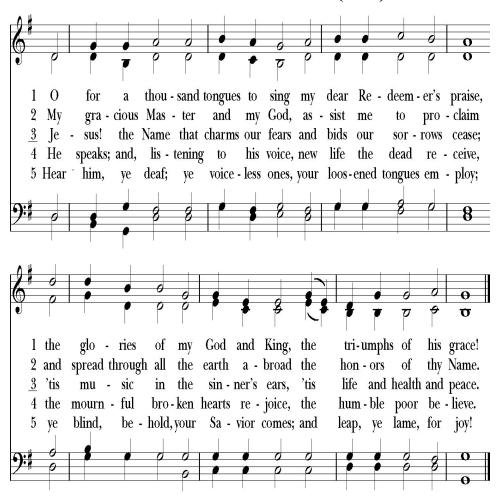


BENEDICTION

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



CLOSING HYMN (493)



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music; Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Glåser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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:
Gift Bearers:
Lectors/Readers
Prayers:

Fr. Kim Guiser
Ryan Mulligan
Sandy Shaffer & Liz
Toni McLauchlan
Sandy Shaffer

Acolyte: Symonds, Wetzel & Costanzo

Altar Guild: Sheila Chellappa Greeter: Sandy Shaffer Counters: Amanda & Kim Sunday School Ivanna Freeman

Fellowship Lunch Cooks

Appetizer/Salad: Christmas lunch volunteers
Main Course: Christmas lunch volunteers
Dessert Christmas lunch volunteers

Visitors: Please join us for Lunch following the Eucharist

SAFE DRIVE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Year One **2025/26 campaign goal \$33,000**

6 Advanced 3 year Pledges \$23,000 Total cash received \$13,200



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 Christmas Lunch - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT **Dec. 21** 8:00 AM Choir School 9:00 AM Choir rehearsal 10:30 AM Eucharist & Choir "Gloria" 11:30 AM Vivaldi's "Gloria" Lunch - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS **Dec. 24** 4:00PM Choir rehearsal 6:00 PM Candle Light Nativity Eucharist - CHRISTMAS DAY **Dec. 25** 10:30 AM - Spoken Morning Prayer 11:30 AM - Coffee Hour **Dec. 28** - 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 8:00 AM Choir School 9:00 AM Choir rehearsal 10:30 AM Morning Prayer& Deacon Dennis 11:30 AM Lunch

