



ST.MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
December 19th, 2021
11:15 a.m.

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Welcome to St. Mark's!

Welcome to St. Mark's! We're so glad you're here. Our worship follows a similar pattern each week—it always includes readings from Scripture, lots of prayer, songs of praise, and most centrally, a meal we eat together called Eucharist. We invite you to participate to the extent you feel comfortable. If you're new to this kind of worship and flipping through the bulletin feels overwhelming, feel free to just set it down, relax, and join in worship by letting us say the words on your behalf.

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Children in Worship: We happily welcome your children to join us in worship today. We offer nursery care for crawling infants through age three. Older children are invited to stay and participate in the service with a children's bulletin or head to the Kids 'Corner in the narthex for reading and quiet play (parental supervision required).

GATHERING

Prelude: *Creator of the Stars of Night*, from *Three Liturgical Improvisations*
by George Oldroyd (1887-1951)

George Oldroyd (1887–1951) was a British organist who incorporated elements of ancient Gregorian chant into his music. This “liturgical improvisation” is based on the 9th-century Advent hymn Conditor alme siderum, Hymn 60.

Processional Hymn: *Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes* Hymn 72

This hymn by Congregationalist Minister Philip Doddridge (1702–1751) is one of the oldest English-language Advent texts still in use. The original 7-stanza poem was first published in 1735 under the heading “Christ’s Message, from Luke.” It has been included in Episcopal hymnals since 1808.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.

Kyrie Eleison

Hymnal S-95

The musical notation for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written on two staves in G major. The first staff contains three measures: the first measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The second staff contains three measures: the first measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament *(the people sit)*

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The New Testament

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

Composer Hal Hopson was born in Mound, Texas in 1933. His first piano teacher was his older sister, Merle, whom he holds in deep regard for her enormous musical and personal influences on his life. Hopson named this hymn tune MERLE'S TUNE in her honor. He first accompanied worship services at age thirteen and later graduated from Baylor University. In the summer of 2013, Hopson and his wife moved to Cedar Park, where they enjoy living in the Texas hill country.

Unison

1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,
2 Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has come,
3 On all by death im - pris - oned the sun be - gins to rise,

who vis - its and re - deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sav - ior who will lead us to our e - ter - nal home.
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes,

The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
to guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace;

God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.
the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

WORDS: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson (1933-)

MERLE'S TUNE

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The Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

Priest
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Priest
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

Music for Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Nicene Creed *(leader and people, all standing)*

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 I

Leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,
saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the
suffering,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute,
for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Saint Mark and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves,
and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin *(the people kneel as they are able)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

Celebrant
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Announcements

EATING TOGETHER

Offertory Anthem: *Song of the Advents*

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Jesus came, adored by angels, came with peace from realms on high; Jesus came for our redemption, lowly came on earth to die: Alleluia! Came in deep humility. Jesus comes again in mercy, when our hearts are bowed with care; Jesus comes again in answer to our earnest heartfelt prayer: Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair. Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, bringing news of sins forgiven; Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, leading souls redeemed to heaven: Alleluia! Now the gate of heaven is riven. Jesus comes in clouds triumphant, when the heavens shall pass away; Jesus comes again in glory; let us then our homage pay: Alleluia! Till the dawn of endless day.

Christa Tumlinson and Eric Panter, soloists

Organist and composer Russell Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944) spent most of his career in Austin as a professor at Seminary of the Southwest and organist at The Church of the Good Shepherd. He has published hundreds of sacred compositions. In addition to scholarship devoted to sacred music, his ethnomusicological studies have helped to explore the workings of non-Western music from around the world. He currently divides his time between Berlin and Dallas.

The Doxology *(all standing)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures

here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

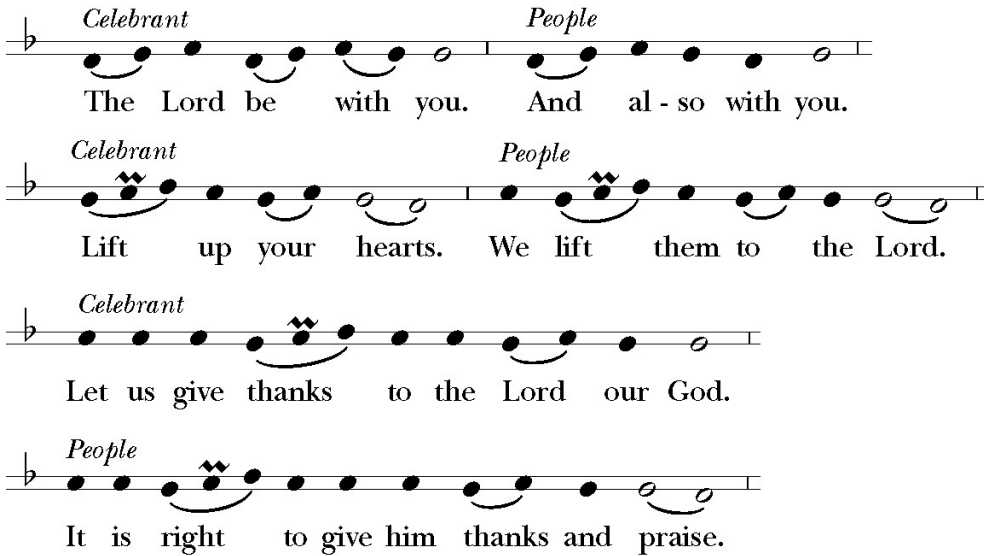
The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is primarily homophonic, with block chords and simple melodic lines.



praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

United Methodist Hymnal 95
 WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
 MUSIC (OLD 100th, LM): Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Eucharistic Prayer D



Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

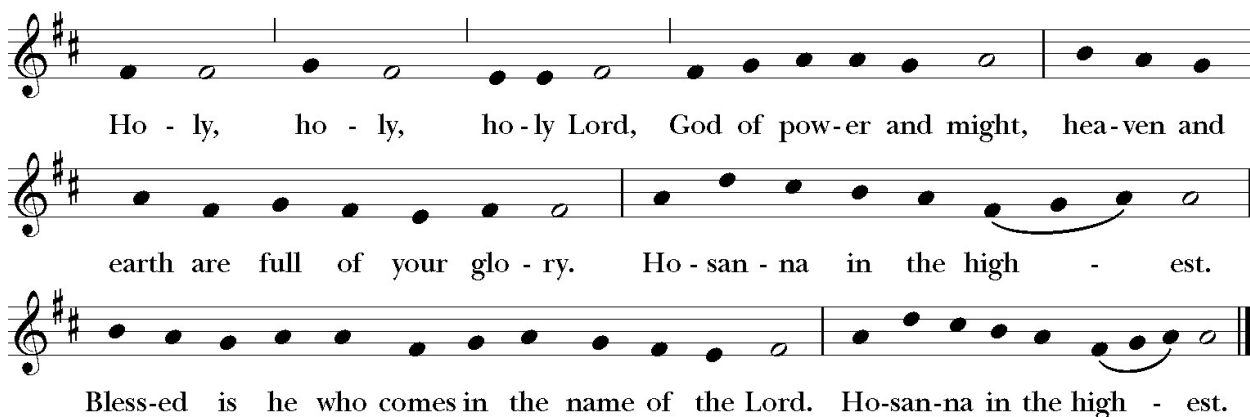
People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

...Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

Hymnal S-124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

The people stand or kneel.

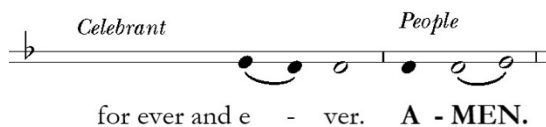
The Celebrant continues

...Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



Celebrant *People*
for ever and e - ver. **A - MEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

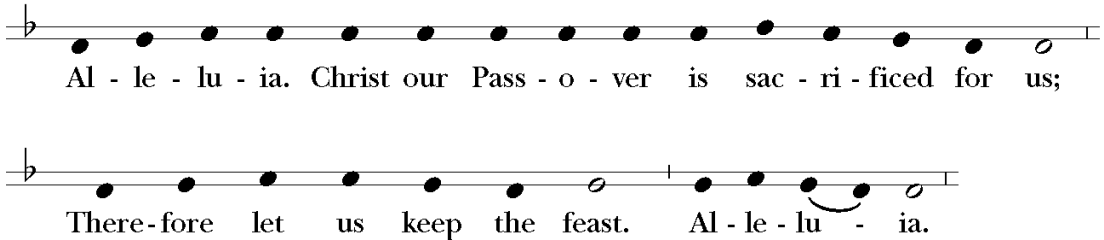
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

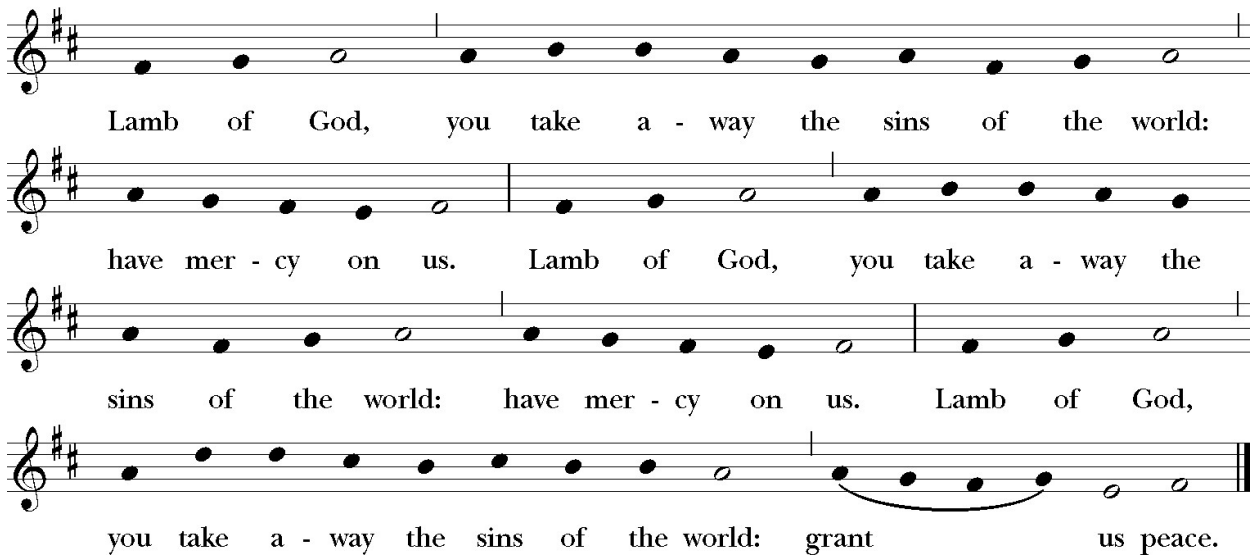
A period of silence is kept.



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161



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.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns:

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymn 265

This traditional Basque carol depicts the Annunciation. It was adapted for English use by Anglican priest Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924), who had spent holidays in the Basque region as a child.

Creator of the Stars of Night

Hymn 60

The Latin plainchant Conditor alme siderum is generally thought to have originated in the 9th century. Some sources describe the hymn as being even older: from the 7th century, or even with a 4th-century text by St. Ambrose.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BEING SENT

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

Hymn 59

This hymn is a translation of a Latin hymn found in two 10th-century sources. This translation has been sung in England since the mid-19th century. It entered our hymnal after being popularized at the King's College Festival of Lessons and Carols.

The Dismissal

Priest
People

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

Postlude: *Noël Suisse*

Louis-Claude Daquin

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772) dazzled the court of King Louis XIV as a child prodigy at the keyboard. At the age of 12 he was named titular organist at the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris. He later became organist of the Chapelle Royale in the court of Louis XV. By the end of his career he was principal organist of Notre-Dame. A contemporary described his “unflinching precision and evenness” at both the harpsichord and organ.

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Announcements

Parish Directories Available: Pick up your 2021 Parish Directory! Just stop by the table in the narthex. (One per household, please.)

Christmas Eve Services: Bring the family and join us for worship at one of three Christmas Eve services: 5 p.m. (outdoor family service on the lawn), 8 p.m. (indoor, Rite II Eucharist with choral music) or 10 p.m. (indoor, Rite I Eucharist with choral music and incense). Nursery will be open for the 8 p.m. service only.

Poinsettia Dedications for Christmas Services: These flowers will decorate the church for Christmas services, and your dedication will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. The suggested donation amount is \$25. Make your dedication and donate online by visiting stmarksaustin.org/give-online. You may also put a check or cash in the offering plate labeled “altar poinsettia.” If donating by check or cash, please be sure to include a note with your dedication, or email it to office@stmarksaustin.org.

Adult Sunday School for Advent: The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings is leading a class on “Jesus: The Hope of Israel.” The class will discuss the end of the world, the relationship between Christianity and Judaism, and, well, Jesus. Meeting in Grace Chapel, 10:00 a.m.

Youth Christmas Party - Today! Come hang out and celebrate the holiday! We’ll have food and games on the back deck after the 11:15 service. Grades 6-12 welcome. Contact Casey for more info.

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Daniel Murrieta, Ginny Acker

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