



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
December 24th, 2021
8:00 p.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.

New to St. Mark's? Use this QR code for a direct link to our Newcomer's page. Just open the photo app on your phone and hover over the image, which will take you to a link to complete an online visitor card!



Covid Protocols: We ask that everyone ages two and older wear a mask over their nose and mouth while indoors regardless of vaccination status. All St. Mark's staff and lay volunteers, including members of the choir, children's ministry volunteers, and adult leaders in the liturgy, have been fully vaccinated. By attending this service, you agree to the following: I have not tested positive or experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days. I also agree to inform the church office if I test positive for COVID-19 in the week that follows my attendance.

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

Preludes:

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Plainsong, arr. Paul Jones

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending, he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore. O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; all dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore! Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

Eric Panter, soloist

Love Came Down at Christmas

Poem by Christina Rossetti

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine, love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Iona Olive, soloist and guitarist

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepio! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia! *O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!*

Christa Tumlinson, soloist

Introit: *While by My Sheep I Watched at Night*

17th-century, arr. Dick Averre

While by my sheep I watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright. *Refrain: How great my joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high.* There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a Child today. *Refrain.* There shall he lie in manger mean, who shall redeem the world from sin. *Refrain.* Lord, evermore to me be nigh, then shall my heart be filled with joy! *Refrain.*

Processional Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn 83 (verses 1-3, 6)

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.**

Song of Praise: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymn 96

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament *(the people sit)*

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

The New Testament

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

Sequence Hymn: *Joy to the World*

Hymn 100

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People 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 III

Leader

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.

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

The Announcements

EATING TOGETHER

Offertory Anthem: *Winter's Snow*

Peter Niedmann

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below; see the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years: Hail, thou ever blessed morn; hail, redemption's happy dawn;
sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Say, ye holy shepherds, say what your
joyful news today; wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? Hail, thou

ever blessed morn; hail, redemption's happy dawn; sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem. "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light; angels singing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Savior's birth." Hail, thou ever blessed morn; hail, redemption's happy dawn; sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Teach, O teach us holy Child, by thy face so meek and mild, teach us to resemble thee, in thy sweet humility: Hail, thou ever blessed morn; hail, redemption's happy dawn; sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

The Doxology *(all standing)*

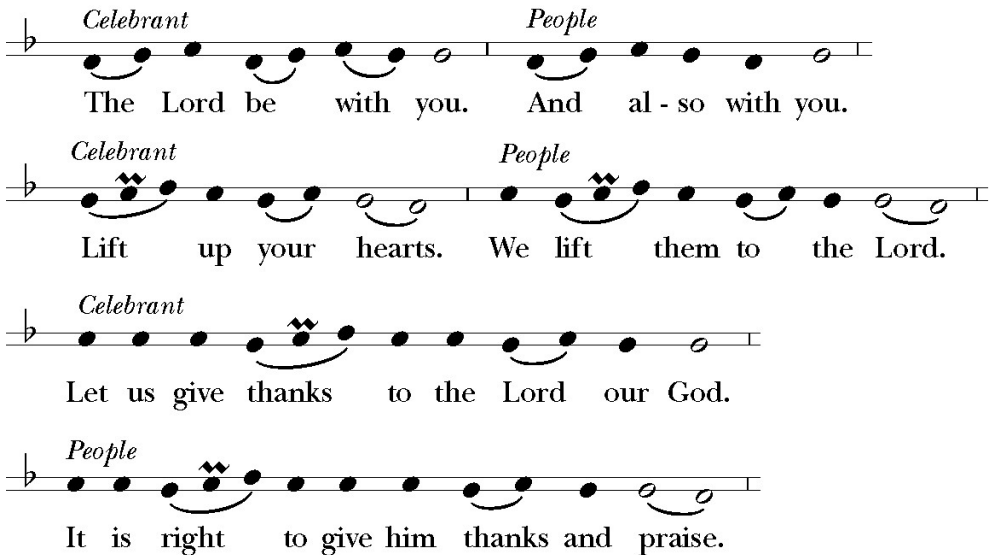
The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

United Methodist Hymnal 95

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674

MUSIC (OLD 100th, LM): Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Eucharistic Prayer B



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.

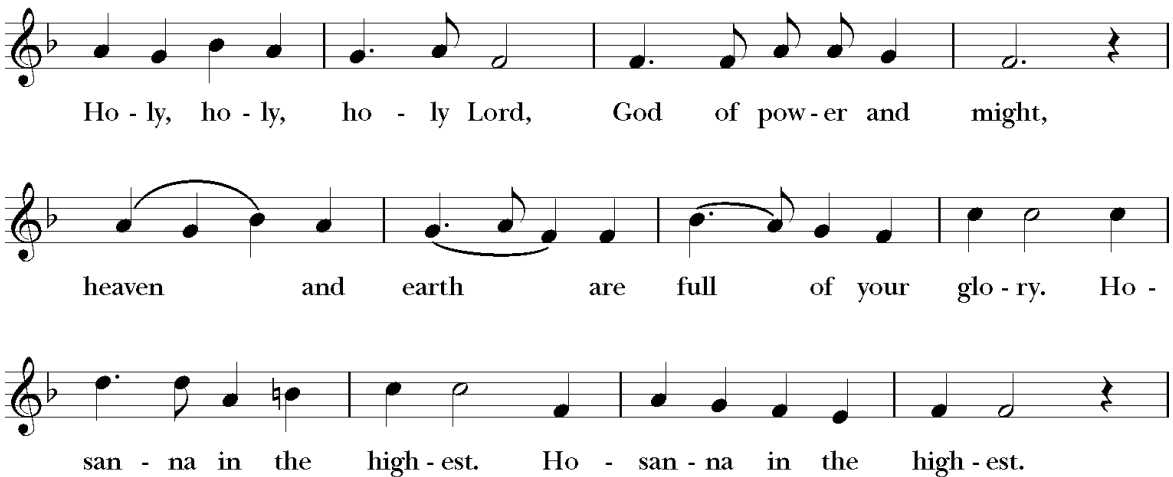
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

... 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

Hymnal S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

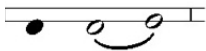
... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**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.

People



A - MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

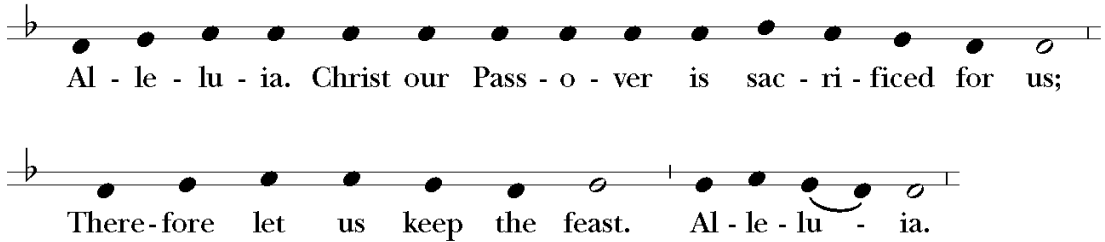
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

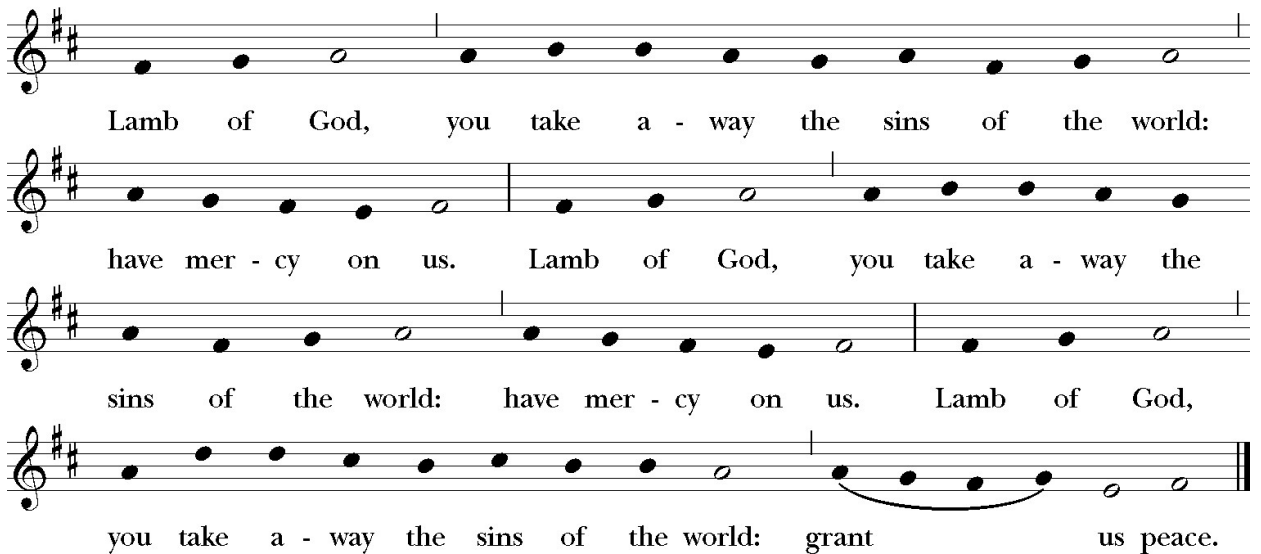
A period of silence is kept.



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 Music:

Anthem: Christmas Lullaby (The Gift)

George Stone

Sing alleluia. Sing of his praises; sing of our joy. Sing of the baby, Mary's little boy. Sing alleluia. Glory to God, bless the gift that he brings. Blessed the baby; blessed the King. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Meredith Shaw, soloist

Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn 79 (verses 1-3)

Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Hymn 112

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.

Hymn: *Silent Night*

Hymn 111

BEING SENT

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn 87

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Carillon de Westminster*

Louis Vierne

The Poinsettias are given by:

Liz Badger, in honor of Frank and Jean Severn

Chris and Melissa Blanding, in loving memory of Teresa Montgomery and of Bruce Oehler

Ann Coley, in loving memory of Jim Coley

Roberta Collier-Wright, in memory of all those we have loved and lost

Rich and Carol Oppel, with thanksgiving and gratitude for the faithful, dedicated clergy and staff of St. Mark's

Bo Overstreet, in loving memory of Kathleen Overstreet (1/77 – 10/06)

Roy and Cheryl Smithers, in loving memory of their parents, Bob and MaryLynn Smithers and David and Peggy Wilson, and of Benjamin Forrester Smithers, and in thanksgiving for their new grandson Shepard Roy Smithers

Mike and Dee Ann Thomasson, in gratitude for our St. Mark's family

Brenda White, in loving memory of Rex

Announcements

Upcoming Service Times: On Sundays, December 26th and January 2nd, join us for our Rite I service of Eucharist at 8:00 am or our Rite II service of Eucharist at 10:00 am. Both services will be indoors. We will not have formation or an outdoor family service on either of those two Sundays. The nursery will not be open on December 26th, but will be open again on January 2nd.

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

Thank You! Thanks to all who donated Angel Tree gifts! Barton Hills Elementary School and Welcome Table are tremendously grateful for all the children and families who will receive these gifts.

Being With Course: Our next ten-session Being With course will start on Wednesday, January 26th. Email Zac to register. The Being With course is for those looking to reconnect with God and church.

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Marjie Lawrence, Elizabeth Davis

LEMs: Jennifer Shaw, Barbara Dody

Acolytes: Beatrice Reshetnikov, Vivian Reshetnikov

Ushers: Reed Shaw, Edmund Fitton-Brown

Altar Guild: Dee Ann Thomasson, Ann Coley, Judy Elkins

Livestream Operator: Becca Yu

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, *Theologian in Residence*

Casey Bushman, *Director of Christian Formation*

Mark Reed, *Organist/Director of Music & Bookkeeper*

Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, *Director of Operations*

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