



ST.MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
December 26th, 2021  
10:00 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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**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.

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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: *Two Noël's*

Jean-François Dandrieu & Louis-Claude Daquin

*These works present variations upon songs that would have been sung at Christmas festivals in 18th-century France. Dandrieu (1682–1738) was a gifted and precocious child, he gave his first public performances when he was 5 years old, playing the harpsichord for King Louis XIV and his court. Daquin (1694–1772) impressed the same king with his youthful keyboard skills. Both eventually took up posts as organists at prestigious Parisian churches and in the Chapelle Royale.*

## Processional Hymn: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Hymn 93

*This Christmas carol by Scottish poet James Montgomery (1771–1854) was printed in the Christmas Eve edition of an English newspaper in 1816. It gained in popularity, and was being sung in churches by 1825.*

## 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.

## *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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)*

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

## Psalm 147:13-21 *Laudate Dominum*

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
 who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
 to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

## The New Testament

**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

## Sequence Hymn: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**Hymn 99**

*John Wesley Work, Jr. (1871–1925) was the first African-American editor of folk songs and spirituals; and also a choral director, educator, and songwriter. He transcribed and disseminated this Spiritual, which dates back to at least 1865. This version was further adapted by his son, musicologist and scholar John Wesley Work III (1901–1967).*

## The Gospel

**John 1:1-18**

*Priest*  
*People*

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Carol Sing

## 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: *Prelude on the Sussex Carol*

Russell Schulz-Widmar

*Now familiar from its opening lyrics “On Christmas night all Christians sing,” the Sussex Carol was not widely known until about 100 years ago. The words were first published in 1684, but it was not until 1919 that composers Cecil Sharp and Ralph Vaughan Williams first wrote down, independently, the lilting melody. The latter heard the carol sung by Mrs. Harriet Verall of Monk’s Gate in Sussex—hence the title.*

# The Doxology *(all standing)*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). 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 music is a simple, homophonic setting with a steady, hymn-like rhythm. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

*United Methodist Hymnal* 95

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674

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



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*

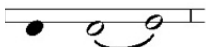
... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**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

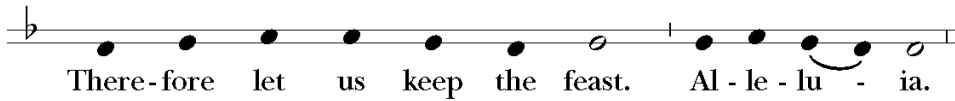
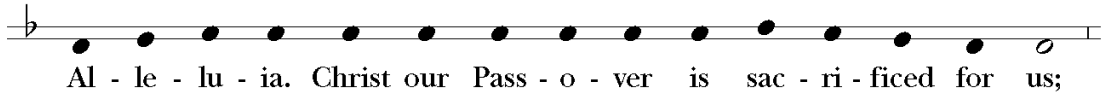
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.*



## *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:

**Voluntary:** *In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

**Hymn:** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Hymn 89

*These words were written in 1849 by Edmund Sears, pastor of the Unitarian Church in Wayland, Massachusetts. In 1850, Sears' lyrics were set to a tune written for the poem at his request by Richard Storrs Willis.*

# 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: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Hymn 107

*The Oxford Movement of 19th-century England resurrected many ancient Greek and Latin hymns and translated them for modern use. The chief proponent of this movement was John Mason Neale (1818–1866). The original carol was in two languages, Latin and German. A literal translation of the original text begins, “In sweet jubilation, now sing and be joyful.” For this reason, the tune is known as In Dulci Jubilo.*

### The Dismissal

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

#### Postlude: *March on “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

Alfred Fedak

*Charles Wesley’s (1707–1788) original version of this carol began, “Hark! how all the welkin rings glory to the King of Kings.” For this text, he requested and received slow and solemn music. One hundred years later, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847) wrote a cantata to mark the 400th anniversary of Gutenberg’s printing press. A rousing tune from this 19th-century cantata was paired with an adaptation of Wesley’s 18th-century words, and the resulting Christmas carol achieved lasting popularity.*

## 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

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## Announcements

**Upcoming Service Times:** Next Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 next Sunday, but the nursery will be open.

**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, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Email Zac to register. The Being With course is for those looking to reconnect with God and church.

**Day School Registration:** Mark your calendars – St. Mark's Day School registration for the 2022-23 school year will be open to parishioners from January 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact the school at [schooloffice@stmarksdayschoolaustin.org](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksdayschoolaustin.org).

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

## Ministers of the Service

**Lectors:** Daniel Murrieta, TBD

**LEM:** Brenda White

**Ushers:** Jim Nolan, Phil Aboussie,  
Ryan Marquess, Chad Wysong

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

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Chris Blanding

**Depositor:** Clarence Bonnen

## 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*

Karon Hammond, *Head of St. Mark's Day School*

Irma Glover, *Sexton*

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