



ST.MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
January 2nd, 2022
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.

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

Prelude: *Four Carols for Organ*

arr. James Biery

James Biery (b. 1956) grew up in Nebraska and earned music degrees from Northwestern University. He is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, the most prestigious certification awarded by the Guild. He is currently Organist and Director of Music Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Presbyterian) in Michigan.

Processional Hymn: *The First Nowell*

Hymn 109

This Cornish carol was first published across England in 1823. It took on increased popularity in 1871 when Sir John Stainer published the harmonization we will sing this morning.

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 - might - y 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.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament *(the people sit)*

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the LORD.

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

Psalm 84:1-8

Quam dilecta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

The New Testament

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Sequence Hymn: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Hymn 105

This English carol was first published in 1770, although it was likely sung much earlier. In their original context, the phrase "God rest you merry" meant "God keep you merry."

The Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Priest
People

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

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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 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
People

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

The Announcements

EATING TOGETHER

Offertory: *Fantasy on "Patapan"*

James Biery

The French carol upon which this offertory is based was written by Bernard de La Monnoye (1641–1728) and first published in Noël bourguignons in 1720. The carol revolves around the birth of Jesus, and is told from the perspective of shepherds playing instruments—flutes and drums—the onomatopoeic sound of which gives the song its name; "patapan" is meant to mimic the sound of the drum, and an accompanying lyric, "tu-re-lu-re-lu," the flute.

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;
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

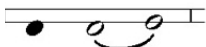
... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**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

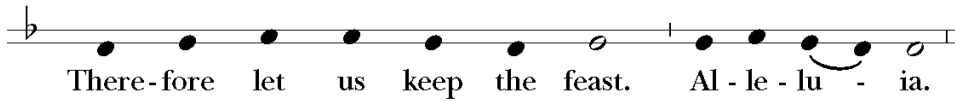
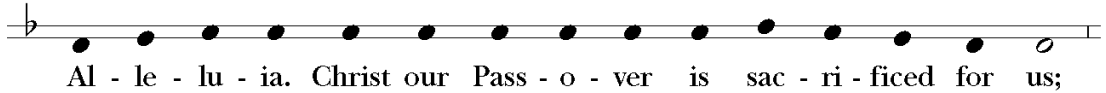
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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: *Silent Night*

arr. John Ferguson

Hymn: *What Child Is This*

Hymn 115

These words were written by English poet William Chatterton Dix in 1865, and were subsequently set to the tune of "Greensleeves," a traditional English folk song in 1871.

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: *We Three Kings*

Hymn 128

This carol was composed by John Henry Hopkins Jr. (1792–1868), the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont and the eighth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Its original use was for an elaborate Nativity drama he was staging. The carol tells the story of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection; and the melody alternates between regal, minor mode verses, in which the Wise Men announce what gifts they're presenting, and a major mode chorus joyfully proclaiming the beauty of the star guiding their way.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*

Johann Pachelbel

This setting of Hymn 497 is one of many chorale preludes written by Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706). A prominent German organist and composer, Pachelbel represents the pinnacle of the South German organ tradition during the Baroque era. As one of the last composers of the mid-Baroque, he influenced the work of later composers such as J. S. Bach.

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: Next Sunday and following, our Sunday schedule will be: 8:00 am, Rite I Holy Eucharist; 9:00 am, Outdoor Family Eucharist; 11:15 am, Rite II Holy Eucharist. Our children's formation classes will resume next Sunday at 10:00 am.

Tapas and Wine Women's Meet and Greet! If you are new to St. Mark's or have been here for years, you are invited to a meet and greet at the home of Brenda White, 2001 Barton Hills Dr., on January 15 at 3:00 p.m. Grab a friend and bring your favorite appetizer or wine or both! No RSVP needed. We hope to see you there!

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.

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 26th through the 28th. For more information, please contact the school at 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, Ginny Acker

LEMs: Barbara Dody, Carol Oppell

Ushers: Mark Breen, Lucas Breen, Andy Sieverman,
Gail Weatherby, Stephanie Young

Altar Guild: Judy Elkins, Debbie Thornal,
Darlene Goodnight, Gail Weatherby

Vestry-in-Charge: TBD

Depositor: Jim Nolan

Clergy and Staff

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