



ST. MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, With Holy Baptism

January 8, 2023

11:15 a.m.



# Welcome to St. Mark's!

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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. 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.

## Children in Worship

We offer drop-off childcare for crawling infants through age three in the nursery. Pre-K through 1st grade children will be dismissed to Children's Church near the beginning of the service, then brought back to church during the Peace. Prefer to have your kids stay and participate in the service? Ask an usher for a children's bulletin, find crayons in the pew backs, or head to the Kid's Corner in the narthex for reading and quiet play with your child.

## Prayers of the People Journal

If you know of anyone who would appreciate the prayers of the St. Mark's community, please add their first names to the Prayers of the People Journal found at the entrance to the church.

## 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!



# GATHERING

Prelude: *Two Settings "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"* Paul Manz  
Leon R. Smith, Jr.

*Paul Manz (1919-2009) was an American composer for choir and organ. His most famous organ works are his volumes of neo-Baroque chorale preludes. Texas native, Dr. Leon R. Smith, Jr., was for many years professor of music theory, composition, and electronic music at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. His son, Ross Smith, sings in the St. Mark's Choir.*

Processional Hymn: *As With Gladness Men of Old* Hymn 119

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) was an English writer of hymns and carols. At the age of 29 he was struck with a near fatal illness and consequently suffered months confined to his bed. During this time he became severely depressed. Yet it was during this period that many of his hymns, including "As With Gladness Men of Old," were written..*

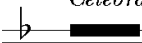


## Opening Acclamation

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

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's Call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one hope, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*  *People*  *Celebrant* 

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.



A - men.

# The Word of God

## The Old Testament *(the people sit)*

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

## Psalm 29

*Afferte Domino*



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- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-more.
- +11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The New Testament

## Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

## Sequence Hymn: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

Hymn 121

*F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) wrote these words in 1979. The son of a bishop and brother of a Presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, from 1925 to 1945 he served as rector of historic St. John's Church, Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Then until his retirement in 1967 he was rector of John Wesley's parish in Georgia, the Old Christ Church, Savannah.*

## The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

## Sermon

By The Rev. Zac Koons

## Baptism Hymn: *Descend, O Spirit, Purging Flame*

Hymn 297

# HOLY BAPTISM

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*After the candidate has been presented and examined, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these candidates in their life in Christ?

*People*      **We will.**

# The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Priest* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**



*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Congregational response* Lord, hear our prayer.

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## The Baptism

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and people*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

*We welcome the newly baptized:*

Chloe Connor

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## The Announcements

# EATING TOGETHER

Offertory Anthem: *What Star Is This?*

15th-Century Carol  
arr. David Ashley White

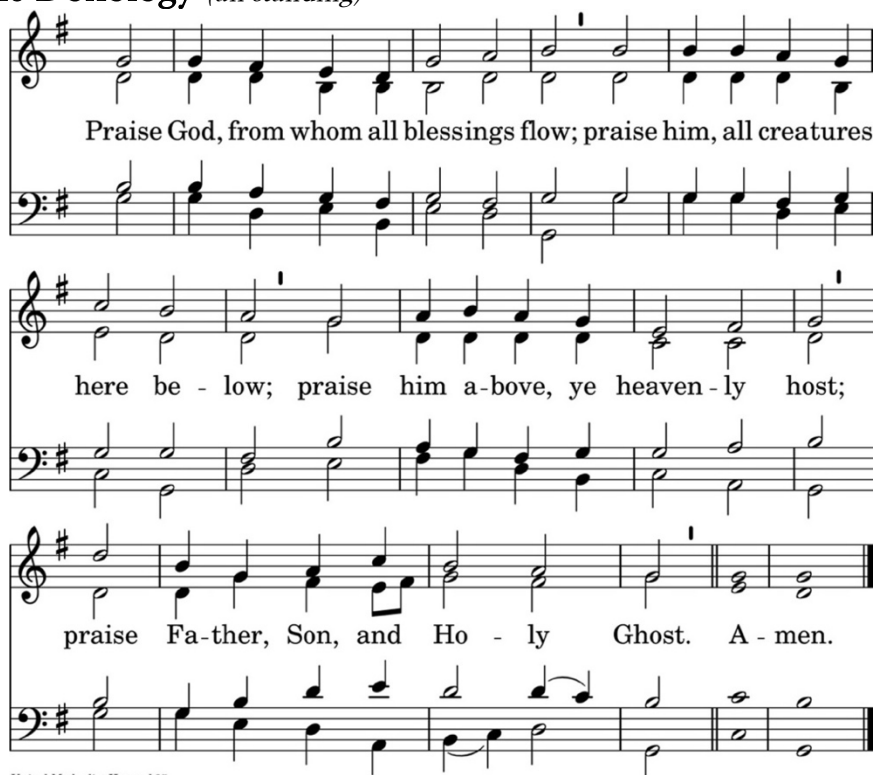
What star is this, with beams so bright, more beautiful than the noonday light? It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring. True spake the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob's star; and eastern sages with amazement upon the wondrous token gaze. The guiding star above is bright; within them shines a clearer light, and leads them on with power benign to seek the Giver of the sign. O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek thy face, let not our hearts refuse the guidance of thy light to use. To God, our Maker, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

*Seventh-generation Texan David Ashley White (b. 1944) is a professor of composition and music theory at the University of Houston, where for many years he served as director of the music school. He earned his DMA from the University of Texas at Austin.*

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## 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.



*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

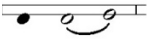
**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*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.

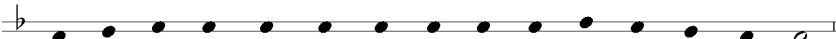
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

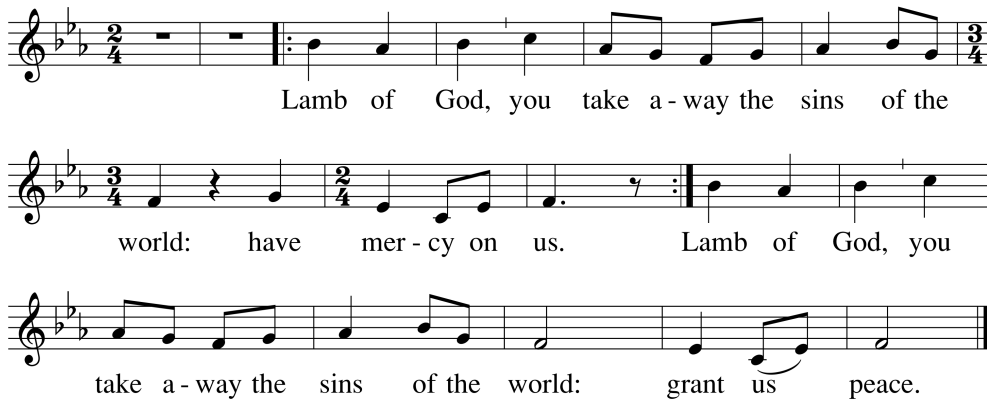
*A period of silence is kept.*



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.



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.

Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, © 1971, 1977, GIA Publications, Inc.

*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

**Hymn: *Brightest and Best***

**Hymn 118 (verses 1-4)**

*This hymn was written in 1811 by the Anglican bishop Reginald Heber to be sung at the feast of Epiphany. The words have been paired with many tunes over the years, including this rousing American folk melody from The Southern Harmony published in 1835.*

**Hymn: *The Sinless one to Jordan Came***

**Hymn 120**

*These words were written by Anglican Archdeacon George Boorne Timms (1910-1997). In addition to hymns, he wrote liturgical manuals and theological articles.*

## The Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BEING SENT

### The Blessing

### Recessional Hymn: *Earth Has Many a Noble City*

Hymn 127

*Aurelius Clemens Prudentius was a provincial Roman governor in modern day Spain. In 405 AD, he published a number of Latin Christian prayers and hymns in a book which included "O sola magnarum urbium." In 1849, English Catholic priest Edward Caswall made the translation we will sing today.*

### 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

*Pachelbel (1653–1706) was a German organist and composer who represented 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.*

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Lucille Acker and Beryl Denny.

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### This Week at St. Mark's

Today, January 8            10:00 am ~~The Art of Dying~~ Living Adult Forum, Grace Chapel

Tuesday, January 11            9:00 pm                            Service of Compline, Zoom

Wednesday, January 12      6:00 pm  
7:00 pm

Choristers Rehearsal  
Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 15      10:00 am    The Art of ~~Dying~~ Living Adult Forum, Grace Chapel

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### Announcements

**Adult Sunday School for January:** Join us for The Art of ~~Dying~~ Living, a discussion about how living a good life helps us prepare for a good death. The forum will be led by Mother Mary and meets at 10:00 am in Grace Chapel. Starting Jan. 08, 2023.

**Circle of Support Through Grief:** For those who are grieving the death of a loved one, we will meet for six weeks starting January 12 at 10 a.m. To join or learn more, contact Mother Mary [mary@stmarksaustin.org](mailto:mary@stmarksaustin.org).

**Confirmation Classes:** Join us for class on Wednesday evenings, Jan. 18, 25, and Feb 8. at 7 pm. Confirmation is for adults who are new to the Episcopal Church, or for young Episcopalians who are reaching an age of maturity. Those who participate in the class will be confirmed at the Bishop's Visitation on Sunday, Feb. 12th. Please email Fr. Zac at [zac@stmarksaustin.com](mailto:zac@stmarksaustin.com) to register.

**Altar Flowers:** To donate altar flowers (suggested donation of \$50), please sign up in the Parish Hall or email the church office at [Office@stmarksaustin.org](mailto:Office@stmarksaustin.org) with the Sunday of your choice and your dedication (in memory or honor of someone, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, etc.)

**Congratulations** to those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week (Jan 08-15)!

Matt Joyce  
Philip Denniston  
Mark Breen  
Amy Bierbower  
Kathryn Camp

Philip Dixon  
Laurence Koons  
Anika Minne  
Camila Minne

Laurel Anne and Ron Kelly

Hazel O'Neal  
James Randle  
Claire Ripoll  
Susan Willis  
Garrett Wilson

## Ministers of the Service

**Lectors:** Joseph Sondgeroth, Ginny Acker

**LEMS:** Barbara Dody, Jennifer Shaw

**Ushers:** Dan Murrieta, Laurel Kelly, Pat Bullock, Tom  
Delamater

**Altar Guild:** Diana Stang, Brenda White, Dodie Wells,  
Stephanie Young

**Depositors:** Anna Bryan-Borja, Dani Click

**Hospitality:** Katie Yu

## Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Associate Rector*

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

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