



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

November 27, 2022

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: *Creator of the Stars of Night* from *Three Liturgical Improvisations*

George Oldroyd

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: *Blest Be the King Whose Coming*

Hymn 74

Melchior Teschner (1584–1635) wrote this familiar tune. Born in Poland, Teschner studied music theory, philosophy, and theology at universities in Germany. He served as a church musician for nearly ten years, before being ordained as a Lutheran pastor.

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.

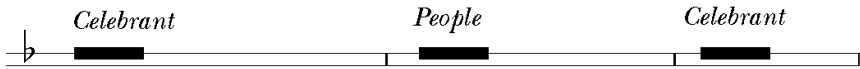
Kyrie eleison

Hymnal S-95

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains three measures of music. The first measure is marked 'Choir' and contains a half note G4. The second measure is marked 'All' and contains a half note G4. The third measure is marked 'Choir' and contains a half note G4. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' are written below the notes. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains three measures of music. The first measure is marked 'All' and contains a half note G4. The second measure is marked 'Choir' and contains a half note G4. The third measure is marked 'All' and contains a half note G4. The lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the notes.

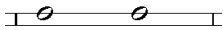
Music: From the Litany of the Saints; adapt. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Collect of the Day



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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



A - men.

Children's Church Dismissal

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament *(the people sit)*

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122

Laetatus sum



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- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Je-rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with it-self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je-rusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your pros-perity.
- +9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

The New Testament

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence 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 Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

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 IV

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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: *Rejoice! Rejoice!*

Aaron David Miller

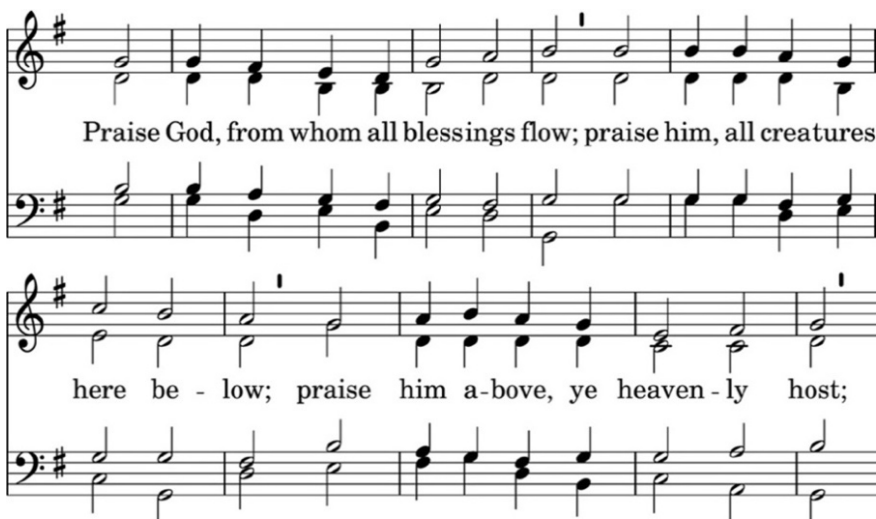
Rejoice! Rejoice! Our King is coming! The time will not be long, until we hail the radiant dawning, and lift up a glad new song. Oh, wondrous day! Oh glorious morning, when the Son of Man shall come! With joy we wait our Savior's returning. Oh, wondrous day!

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) studied organ and improvisation at the Eastman School of Music before earning a doctorate from the Manhattan School of Music in 1999. He has won numerous awards in organ improvisation, including the Top Prize in Improvisation at the 1996 American Guild of Organists National Convention. He currently serves at a Lutheran church in Minneapolis.

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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.

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

Eucharistic Prayer A

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* 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-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.

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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

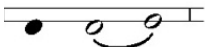
Christ is risen.

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.

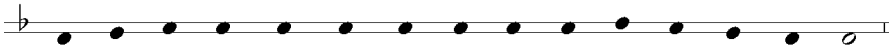
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

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: 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

Hymn: *Savior of the Nations, Come!*

Hymn 54

This is one of Luther's earliest hymns, written for Advent of 1523. The text is a translation of St. Ambrose's 4th-century hymn Veni Redemptor Gentium. Luther not only translated the Latin text, he also adapted the Gregorian chant melody to be sung by the congregation.

Hymn: *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.

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: *Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending*

Hymn 57

This Charles Wesley (1707-1788) text is paired with a tune attributed to the preacher Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), who said that he heard it whistled on the street. Some scholars believe the tune he heard whistled was from an opera by Baroque composer Thomas Arne (1710-1788). Whatever the origin, Charles Wesley's brother John published the text and tune together, and they have been sung during Advent ever since.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Savior of the Nations, Come (in Organo Pleno)*

J. S. Bach

This dramatic setting of Hymn 54 comes from Bach's Great Eighteen "Leipzig" Chorales. Bach specifies that the prelude be played "in Organo Pleno" (using full organ). The hands are given a fugue based on the opening notes of the hymn. The "cantus firmus," the "fixed voice" of the hymn tune, thunders in the pedal.

The altar flowers are given by Lisa Bortner,
in thanksgiving for the life of Drew Martin.

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This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:30-11:15 am	Advent Wreath-Making, Parish Hall
	10:00 am	The Four Last Things Adult Forum, Grace Chapel
	10:00 am	Youth Formation Class, Conference Room
Tuesday, November 29	12:00 pm	Bible Study, Zoom
Wednesday, November 30	6:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Eucharist, Grace Chapel
	6:00 pm	Choristers Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 2	12:00 pm	Village of Lights, Community First! Village
Saturday, December 3	9:00 am	DOK Advent Quiet Day, Parish Hall
Sunday, December 4	9:00 am	St. Nicholas visit, front lawn
	10:00 am	The Four Last Things Adult Forum, Grace Chapel
	10:00 am	Youth Formation Class, Conference Room
	4:00 pm	Youth Serve Dinner, Community First! Village

Announcements

Advent Wreath Making: Advent is here! Drop by the Parish Hall TODAY, between 8:30 and 11:15 am, to grab a new set of candles, spruce up last year's wreath, or start from scratch. Advent devotional calendars will also be available.

Adult Sunday School for Advent: Join us for an Advent Adult Forum on the Four Last Things: Death, Resurrection, Judgment, Consummation. The forum begins today and continues until December 18, at 10:00 am, in Grace Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, Father Zac, and Mother Mary.

Youth Formation Class – Every Sunday during Advent: We're excited to share that youth (grades 6-12) will have a dedicated class during the 10:00 formation hour throughout Advent, beginning today! We'll be meeting in the Conference Room (Bennett wing) to discuss Advent themes through the lens of pop culture. How is the good news that Jesus has put on human flesh and come into the world reflected through the various media, arts, and entertainment around us? It's going to be a fun discussion! Led by Casey and Father Zac. Starts next Sunday, November 27!

Angel Tree starts today! Take a tag from the tree in the Parish Hall, and make your gift by Sunday, December 11th. This year we are supporting children at Barton Hills Elementary and African American Youth Harvest Foundation. Contact Mother Mary at mary@stmarksaustin.org with questions.

St. Nicholas Is Coming! Join us at the 9:00 service next Sunday, December 4th, which will be outside (weather permitting) for a visit from St. Nick.

St. Mark's Night at the Village of Lights! Friday, December 2nd, 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Fun for all ages! See the amazing Community First light show, shop for handcrafted gifts, enjoy yummy food. Featuring the movie *Elf* and a Santa that loves photo ops. Parking for will be available nearby at the Travis County Expo Center. You will need to enter the Expo Center off of Decker Lake Road, gate #3. Contact Mother Mary at mary@stmarksaustin.org or Casey at casey@stmarksaustin.org for more information.

DOK Advent Quiet Day: Join us on Saturday, December 3rd, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Parish Hall (or online) for a Quiet Day with the theme "Joyful Anticipation." Continental breakfast and coffee will be offered, as well as lunch with soups, salads, and dessert. We will begin the day with Morning Prayer and conclude with a celebration of the Eucharist, and we will offer stations for both guided meditation exercises and individual meditation. This event is free and open to all. For more information or to register, contact Laurel Kelly at lkelly0606@yahoo.com or Cindy Cabler at clcabler@yahoo.com.

Youth Serve Dinner at CF!V: Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to help provide and serve a meal to formerly homeless neighbors at Community First! Village on Sunday, December 4th, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Youth confirmands will be organizing the menu. If you are interested in participating, contact Casey at casey@stmarksaustin.org. Additional parent help welcomed!

Women of St. Mark's Holiday Brunch: The women of St. Mark's are invited to a brunch and "nice" white elephant gift exchange (price limit of \$20) on Wednesday, December 7th, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at the home of Evelyn McMillen (7708 Huddleston Lane, Austin). Brunch will be provided. We can accommodate the first 20 ladies who respond. RSVP to Lisa Bortner at lisafromlsu@gmail.com by December 2nd. Hosted by Evelyn McMillen, Debbie Thornal and Lisa Bortner.

Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 11: Plan to attend the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 11th at 11:15 am. The St. Mark's Choir and the Choristers Children's Choir will be joined by Reed Shaw on percussion and Iona Olive on violin. The service centers around nine Bible readings (lessons) that tell the Christmas story. Throughout the service, the choirs will sing beautiful carols for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Youth Christmas Party, December 11: Grades 6-12, join us after church for the annual youth Christmas party! We'll gather from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall for DIY ornament making, games, food, and good times. Youth are encouraged to bring a dessert or festive snack to share.

Vestry Nominations Open: Would you like to nominate someone to serve on the St. Mark's vestry? Send their names to Senior Warden Susan Bonnen (sdbonnen@gmail.com) with a paragraph explaining your choice. All nominations are due by Thursday, December 15th.

You've Been Generous! In November, St Mark's is making donations on your behalf – \$1500 to Trinity Center for their holiday party and \$1500 to African American Youth Harvest Foundation to support youth programs. These gifts are made possible through your pledges.

Congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week (Oct 23 – Nov 5)!

Matthew Cain
Ben Crozier
Amalia de la Rosa
Susan Erwin
Amy Farley

Matthew Forrest
Gabriella Hartline
Remy Hatton
Grace Kochelek
Benjamin Ramsey

Amy Sepos
Jeffrey Siegismund
Hannah Smith
Christie Stockstill

Carolyn Foote and Gregg LaMontagne

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Katherine Shriver, Tom Delamater

LEM: Barbara Dody

Ushers: Jim Nolan, Phil Aboussie, Ryan Marquess

Altar Guild: Dee Ann Thomasson, Ann Coley,
Liz Davis, Robin Bridgewater

Acolytes: Nora Kelly, Hattie Bushman?, Riley Russell?

Depositors: Shelly Botkin, Mary-Alis Kelly

Hospitality: Michael & Amy Quinones, Jennifer Gallardo-Payne



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