

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Our mission is to know Jesus Christ and to make him known.

November 29, 2020

The First Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist Rite II



ADVENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The flower's on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Dwayne & Dorothy Dawlearn
in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.*

Tuesday Bible Study

We will still continue Tuesday bible study at 12pm through conference calls and on Zoom.

*******PLEASE READ*******

If anyone in your group had any of the following symptoms this week, please worship with us Online:

- Fever Over 100
- Cough or Sore Throat
- Shortness of Breath
- Contact with anyone confirmed to have COVID-19 (in the past 14 days)

Please confirm that no one in your group has had any of the above and are, therefore, all eligible to attend.

If you attend, and discover that you have been exposed to someone who tests positive, or you test positive, please let Rev. Susie or Kimberly Hart know so we can inform other attendees and close and sanitize.

St. Mark's Giving Tree Supporting the Rainbow Room

Advent season is upon us and as we have done in the past, St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be collecting gifts for the Rainbow Room who give abused and neglected children a ray of hope.

Beginning today, you will see our Giving Tree set up in the Narthex. All of the children have been referred through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services as children in need. For most of these children, the gifts from the Rainbow Room Christmas Giving Tree Project are the only ones they receive all year.

White Tags will be placed on the tree with the child's name and three gifts they have requested. The tags with green trim are for boys and the tags with red trim are for girls. You may buy one, two or all three gifts for that child. Please pick a child from the tree in the Narthex and put your name on the list next to the child's name and indicate which one or all of the gifts you intend to purchase.

The maximum spent on any one child is to be less than \$150.00. Unwrapped gifts with bows, or in a gift bag, labeled with the child's name and agency ID number, need to be in the Narthex by Sunday, December 6th or by 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 7th for delivery to the Rainbow Room. If you will not be here on Sunday or Monday, gifts may be dropped off earlier.

For those of you who are not able to shop, you can order the gift on-line and have it shipped to St. Mark's as long as it can be delivered Monday-Friday. If it will be delivered on a weekend, you can ship it to Rhonda Yamauchi, 3803 Bratton Street, Sugar Land, Tx. 77479. If you are having the gift shipped, a gift receipt with the child's name on it will be very helpful in sorting the gifts.

For more information, please contact Rhonda Yamauchi at 281-639-0043 or email her at Rhonda.yamauchi@gmail.com. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need this Christmas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Processional Hymn: "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Hymnal 61

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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.*

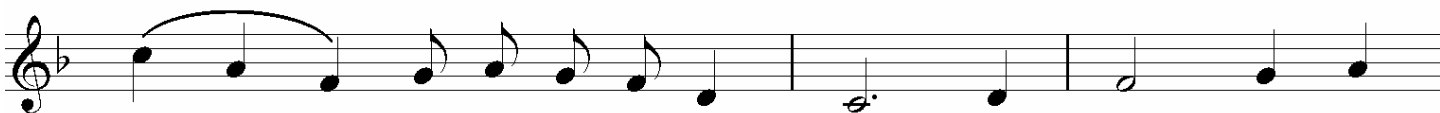
The people remain standing

Gloria

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



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



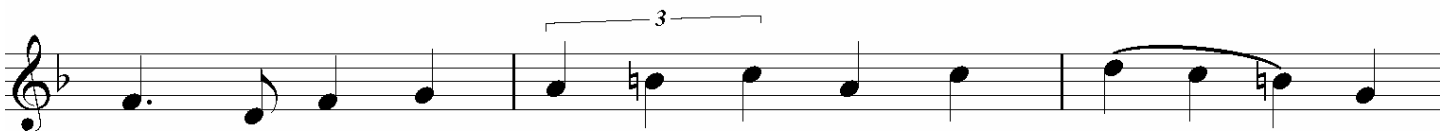
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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. *Amen.*

All sit.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we

are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Stay awake, be ready
verse 1 before Gospel; verse 4 after Gospel

My Heart Sings Out 62

Stay a - wake (clap, clap) be read - y. You
Change your lives, he's com - ing. The
Go _____ back, tell John
By the pow'r of the Spi - rit

do not know the hour when the Lord is com - ing. Stay a -
one who is the light of the world is com - ing. Change your
all that you have heard and have seen me do - ing. Go _____
Mar - y will give birth to a son called Je - sus. By the

wake, be read - y. The Lord is com - ing soon!
lives, he's com - ing. The reign of God is near!
back, tell John the wond - ers that you see.
pow'r of the Spi - rit Em - man - u - el is near.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
The Lord is com - ing
The reign of God is
The won - ders that you
Em - man - u - el is

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Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

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

The Sermon **The Reverend Susie Comer**

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant 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.

All remain standing.

Prayers of the People Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector our Bishops; and for all bishops
and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
The Leader then prays from the Prayer Intercessory list.

After the list is prayed, the Celebrant will invite other prayers to be said aloud or in silence.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The Celebrant will invite thanksgivings to be offered aloud or in silence.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant says the concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.*

The Celebrant then says

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

The Celebrant says to the people

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another from a distance in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER FOR A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY
FOR THE ABSENT
THE OFFERTORY**

Offertory Hymn: "Savior of the nations, come" (Tom Thompson) - sung by St. Mark's Choir

The People stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Tune: Old Hundredth

**The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A**

All baptized persons are invited and encouraged to receive communion in our church.

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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. Then the celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celtic Alleluia

MHSO 20

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins in 6/8 time with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with various rests and slurs. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a double bar line, a change to 9/8 time, and then back to 6/8 time. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below, followed by a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody.

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Facing the people, 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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

[only the host will be distributed at this time]

Communion Hymn: Give me oil in my lamp

Voices Found 61

E E7 A

1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me
 2 Make me a fish - er of men, keep me seek - ing. Make me a
 3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing. Give me
 4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing. Give me

E B7

oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me
 fish - er of men, I pray. Make me a
 joy in my heart, I pray. Give me
 love in my heart, I pray. Give me

E E7 A

oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing, keep me
 fish - er of men, keep me seek - ing, keep me
 joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing, keep me
 love in my heart, keep me serv - ing, keep me

E B7 E

burn - ing 'til the break of day.
 seek - ing 'til the break of day.
 sing - ing 'til the break of day.
 serv - ing 'til the break of day.

Refrain

E E7 A

Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,

B7

1. E A E 2. E

sing ho - san - na to the King of Kings! King!

After Communion, the people stand or kneel, and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
 bowed with care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
 pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,
 to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,
 lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,
 let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
 al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.
 al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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St. Mark's Core Values

Gracious. In our relationship with Christ, God welcomes us home, and we, in turn, offer gracious hospitality to all those whom God leads to our church.

Rooted. Our worship and liturgy are rooted in the rich tradition of the Episcopal Church, drawing on the wellspring of customs from the ancient church through those of today.

Authentic. We are an authentic people, true to our Christian identity, and genuinely thankful for the gift of our gathering and for the sacred space of our church.

Christ-centered. We are the church, the Body of Christ, and we therefore have Jesus Christ at the center of our life; for in the risen Christ we live and move and have our being.

Empowered. Jesus commissions us to go to all nations with his good news, and we, the people of St. Mark's, are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim by word and example the Gospel in Fort Bend County and beyond.

The Reverend Susie Comer
Rector

Kimberly Hart
Executive Administrative Assistant

Tom Thompson
Organist & Music Director

Jerri Carington
School Director