

**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
✠
CAPITOL HILL**

ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



**CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2021**

**9:30 PM PRELUDE MUSIC
& CAROL SINGING**

**10:00 PM FESTIVAL HOLY
EUCHARIST**

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Assistant Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempeskie

The "Greening" of the Nave, the custom of bringing greens, usually holly and ivy, into the home at Christmas dates to the early 16th C. It began as covering work implements so they would be unavailable during the holiday season. The creche featuring pottery figures was a gift from artist/parishioner Betty Foster and set by Maureen Shea.

The Worship Committee wishes to thank this year's Greening team: Ryan Baugh, Doris Burton, Bridey Heing, Fritz Henn, Bill Jordan, Mary Thuell, Loretta Veney, and Jason Wallis. We also want to thank Pam Lacey for the contribution of magnolia and Lou Bayard for the garlands decorating the chancel steps. The trees in front of the chancel are decorated with Chrismons, ornaments of Christian symbols and gifted by Mary Cooper. We also wish to thank Mike Townsend, David Trissell, and Junior Warden Jim Pittman for their work installing the courtyard tree, lit following Lessons and Carols on Dec 5.

A thurifer, an acolyte carrying a thurible, leads today's procession. A thurible burns incense, and are included in a broad range of Christian denominations' worship services. The practice is rooted in traditions of Judaism at the time of the Second Temple. The priest will 'cense' the altar twice: once when she arrives at the altar and again just prior to communion.

The processional cross is the Lichfield cross, fabricated in Lichfield, UK, in 2002 to acknowledge our link with Lichfield Cathedral. Made of English oak, it is carved in the shape of the cross of St. Chad, the patron of the cathedral. It is inlaid with sterling silver and bears an image of the lion of St. Mark as it appears in the Lichfield Gospel, ca 800 AD.

The ornaments on the nave Christmas trees are called Chrismons. They were made for St. Mark's by Mary Cooper's mother and godmother, Jeanie Anderson & Alys Smith of Chapin, SC over 50 years ago and have been in use every year since. The symbols represent various aspects of the life of Christ.

About the Refugee Madonna (cover), *through the hand of Tracy Council*

The plight of displaced persons all over the globe is very much on my mind and heart--not least of all the families and children separated and detained at our Southern border. I designed this icon casting Mary and Jesus as refugees, fleeing Herod's genocide. The inscription is from Jesus, teaching us that when we care for any who are poor, hungry and displaced, we also care for God our Creator and all that is holy on this earth.



In response to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of the COVID virus, and to prevent people from removing their masks to blow out their candles, candles will not be distributed to the congregation.

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CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING & BRASS MUSIC

Ding Dong Merrily On High (brass)

French Carol, arr. David Evans

HYMN 109 The first Nowell the angel did say

17th Century English Carol

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

O Tannenbaum (brass)

German Carol, arr. Rob Roy McGregor

Hymn 99 Go Tell It on the Mountain

African American Spiritual

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!*

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (brass)

Polish Carol, arr. Charles Evans

1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

105 God rest you merry, gentlemen

God Rest You Merry

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray.

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

2 From God our heavenly Father
a blessèd angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name.

Refrain

3 "Fear not, then," said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's power and might."

Refrain

4 Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and charity
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
doth bring redeeming grace.

Refrain

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN 83 O come, all ye faithful, vv. 1-3 & 6

Adeste fideles

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2 God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten
Son of God the Father;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

OPENING SENTENCES

I bring you good news of great joy!
A Savior has been born to you! Alleluia!

Unto us a child is born!
The child is a gift! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE 96 Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4 See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 100 Joy to the world! the Lord is come, vv. 1-2, 4

Antioch

**1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.**

**2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.**

**4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.**

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.



Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ. —

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Jesus.



Praise to you, Lord Christ. —

SERMON

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

THE AFFIRMATION

We believe that God has created us.

We believe that God is born among us.

We believe that God will always sustain us.

We believe that God calls us to bring peace, justice, and compassion into this world.

We believe that in the end of all things, God's love shall win.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born as a child among us. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night, Christians stand with the traveler, the migrant, and the refugee. This night we pray for any detainees, and the guards and other staff at all the places that migrants are being held.
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night the angels sang 'Peace to God's people on earth'. Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Keep in safety all those who have passed through death in the hope of heaven. Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night Christians the world over celebrate his birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray:

God, on this holy night, angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive our worship in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

*In light of the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of the COVID virus,
please remain at your seat for the passing of the peace.*

*You are invited to offer a sign of peace to those around you with a peace sign,
hand over your heart, bow, or a prayer hand gesture.*

WELCOME

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an online gift, or learn about the other ways to give, by visiting the St. Mark's website, stmarks.net, and choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.



Gifts to St. Marks can also be made by texting "stmarks20003" to 73256, or by visiting the QR code.

Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Lord has Come

Words & Music by Will Todd

Chancel Choir

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels:

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;

No place for me but a stable.

My Lord has come.

PRESENTATION HYMN 115 What child is this, who, laid to rest

Greensleeves

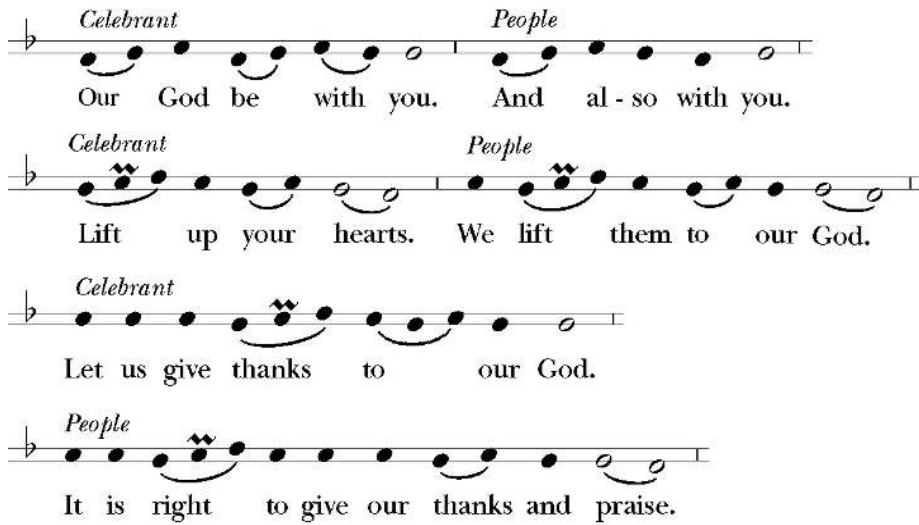
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



Celebrant *People*
Our God be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to our God.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.

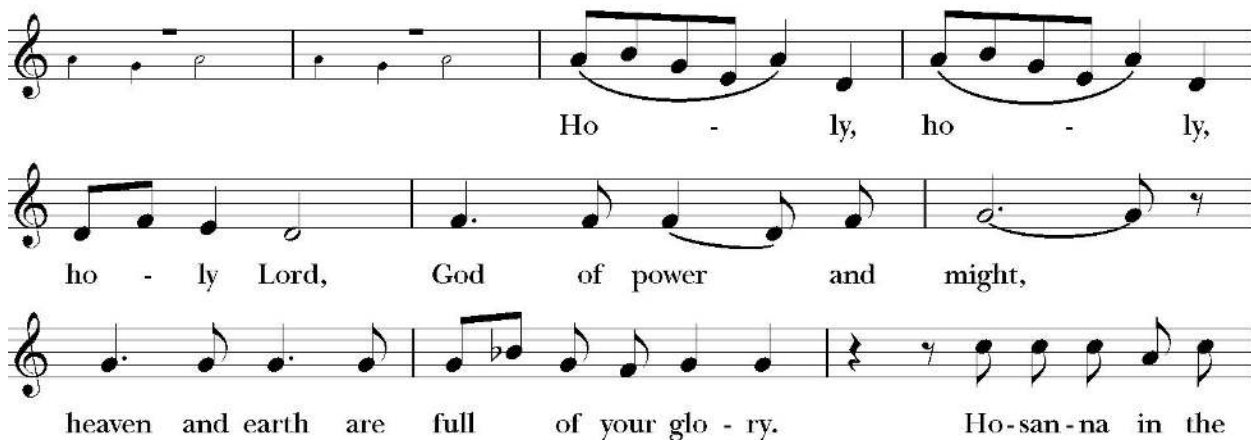
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his love, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS S 128

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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.

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

God of our Ancestors: Sarah, Rachel, Leah, Rebecca, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God who was born of Mary and who is present in our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 152

Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens

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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all. Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,
All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

Please join us in the eating of the bread, knowing this act of community is a full communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Straw Broke

Words by Louis Bayard
Music by Jeffery Watson

Chancel Choir
Lou Bayard, soloist

*The straw broke
As they laid him down
The beaded frost
His makeshift crown.
How cold it was
That meager night.
The straw broke
From very fright.*

*The heart broke
To see him there:
The balled-up fist,
Remorseless stare.
A newborn goat
Came shambling by.
The heart broke
To hear it cry.*

*The day broke
And the sun crawled through.
A robe of mist,
A lambent dew.
How still it was
That tender morn.
The day broke
And we were born.*

Marjorie Coombs Wellman, soloist

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor on 'ry people like you and like I...I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.*

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Hymn 111 Silent night, holy night

Stille Nacht

**1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm,
all is bright round yon virgin mother
and child. Holy infant, so tender and
Mild, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God,
love's pure light radiant beams from thy
holy face, with the dawn of redeeming
grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds
quake at the sight, glories stream from
heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

1 Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

3 Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

THE BLESSING

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost,
to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,
to bring Peace/שלום / سلام among the people, to make music in the heart.

And the Blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Christ is born in us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman

English Carol, arr. Rob Roy McGregor



Worship Participants

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Thurifer	Stephanie Deutsch
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Schedule of Christmas Services

Saturday	Dec. 25	10 AM	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sunday	Dec. 26	10 AM	Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sunday	Jan. 2	10 AM	Christmas Lessons & Carols
		5 PM	Christmas I Contemplative Service

*Both Christmas Eve services and the Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd
10 am services are live and live streamed.*

Epiphany Sermon Series

Adding Voices: Acts of Radical Love that change the world

Grief in the face of change

January In times of Pandemic

February African American theologians



Jan. 9	Patricia Catalano	Spanish Flu
Jan 16	Michele Morgan	Martyrs of Memphis
Jan 23	Christopher Phillips	Lepers of Hawaii
Jan 30	Joel Martinez	AIDS Epidemic
Feb. 6	Joel Martinez	Howard Thurman
Feb 13	Christopher Phillips	James Cone
Feb 20	Patricia Catalano	Verna Dozier
Feb 27th	Michele Morgan	Kelly Brown Douglas



Celebration and Remembrance Christmas 2021

In Memory of..

Jack B. Burton, Junior Warden 2003-2005, beloved, friend, by Doris Burton.

Dolores Heing, Jerry Heing, Marty Tully, George & Edna Wallis, Lois Richards, by Bridey Heing & Jason Wallis.

Arnold and Tom Taylor, by Lilian Taylor.

My Parents Clayton and Mavis Becker, by Elizabeth Becker.

Susan Ulstrum Nierengarten, by Kitz Cleary.

Norman and Claire Choinieve, Charlie's mother and stepfather, by Louise Walsh and Charles Rupp.

Larkin Adelle Wilkinson, by Stephanie & David Deutsch.

Henrietta & Michael Latin (Parents), by Patricia Latin.

Bao Nguyen, by Andrew Stafford.

Beryl L. Martin, by Bertha Martin.

Chuck Divine, by Jane Byrne.

Bert Cooper & Bill Baxter and Jean Baxter, by Mary Cooper.

Fred Taylor-gone from the known world, but still present in my heart, by Sherrill Taylor.

Sue Vail Dibblee, by Michelle Dibblee.

Our late parents, William & Agnes Dickinson & Charles & Laura Perry, by their children, grandchildren, and great-great-granddaughter.

David M. Roberts and Mark Mason, by Jim Steed.

Ann and Chuck Jaekle, Don Sarles, Larry and Ellen Cardwell, Ryan Keith, Chuck Divine, and Collie Agle, from the community of St. Mark's that love them.

Our Parents, by Tom and Karen Getman.

Stan Jones, by Linda Meade.

Lydia Gladstone, 1935-2021, by Laura Gladstone.

Taylor O'Hare Smith, by Judy Smith.

Ellen Cardwell for her dedication to St. Mark's, by Loretta Veney & Doris Burton.

In Honor of...

Parents Fred and Emma Boddie, by Jackie L. Boddie.

Dianne Hall, by Rob Hall and Chris Behan.

Linell Grundman and the leadership of St. Mark's by Michele Morgan

Beatrice (Sandalee) and John Morgan and all the missing indigenous women and Children, by Michele Morgan.

The Reverend Michele Morgan, by Stephanie & David Deutsch.

Wardens Linell Grundman and Jim Pittman, by Josie and Bill Jordan.

My Senior Friends Jan Hoffman and Lilian Taylor, by Raiford Gaffney.

In Thanksgiving for ...

Wally, Maggie, Peter, and Lila Sedgewick, by Susan and John Sedgewick.

Patricia Catalano & members of the Centering Prayer group, by Allison Jones.

Kellie, on her 20th birthday! By Shay and Mitch Waye.

Lichfield friends, by Doris Burton.

The Staff of St. Mark's: Jeff, Patricia B., Caleb, Katherine, Patricia C., Chris, and Michael. By the 12th Rector of St. Mark's.

Judith Smith (Spouse), by Patricia Latin.

Aurora May Ervanian & Cyrus Noah Deutsch, by Stephanie & David Deutsch.

Nat Marks, Lila Marks, Stephanie Roth, Juan Munoz, my husband Mhat Alquiras, by Randy Marks

My children, Rebecca & Harold Wolfinger, by Henry Wolfinger.

Jeff Kempskie and the Choir, by Josie Jordan and Bill Jordan.

Luca Andreycak (son of Will and Jenna Andreycak), Lila Louise Bryne Sedgewick (daughter of Wally & Maggie Bryne-Sedgewick), by Jane Byrne.

Our children and grandchildren, and all those we love, by Tom and Karen Getman.

St. Mark's Clergy and Staff, by Raiford Gaffney

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Class of '24

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation /San Esteban y La Encarnación, DC
St. Thomas' Church, DC
St. Thomas' Church, P.G. County, and the Chapel of the Incarnation

Anglican Communion

The Diocese of Ilesa South West
The Church of Nigeria
The Province of Ibadan

Parish Prayer List

Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • John Barton • Pamela Blumgart
Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt • Martin De Nys • Jim Frazier
Jan Hoffman • Elizabeth Long • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks
Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson • Joan Pierotti • Gardner Van Scoyoc
Eleanor Whitman • Margaret Wood • Tom Zarek

Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military

Chase Allen Ammon

Those who have died

Collie Agle

*In order to keep the prayer list updated, we begin anew semi-annually.
If you would like to request to add a name, please email the
Bulletin Coordinator at bulletin@stmarks.net*



Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, and office directory.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.
Go in peace and return often!

After completing, please remove this page and place in the offering plate or give to a greeter.

I attended: _____ 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ Sermon Seminar
_____ 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ 5 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist
_____ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

on December 24, 2021

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone No. _____

Zip Code _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, etc.)
- _____ Baptism (child, adult)
- _____ Getting married at St. Mark's
- _____ Music (choir, lessons)
- _____ Children/youth classes & programs
- _____ Adult classes
- _____ Senior programs/activities
- _____ Outreach/community service
- _____ Environmental issues
- _____ Yoga classes
- _____ Dance classes
- _____ St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

Would you like to be contacted by a clergy person? _____ Yes _____ No