

**WELCOME TO  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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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.



**THE SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**December 10, 2023,**

**9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR**

**11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**

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# Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill



To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage [www.stmarks.net](http://www.stmarks.net), and click “Calendar” at the top.

**Hearing** – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.



**Land Acknowledgement** We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples on whose traditional territory we are located, specifically the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We make this acknowledgment mindful of the traumatic events and the ongoing forces of systemic racism and oppression that forced native peoples from their lands. We continue our commitment to learning, growing, and finding a new way forward for meaningful, mutual healing.



Good morning. Our service today is part of the arc of Advent -- a season that usually lasts four weeks and takes us from first waiting to the Christmas birth. Too often, we think of this time as events over 2000 years ago. In this service, we've brought Advent into our lives today and discussed faith as a daily choice. We chose readings from contemporary writers Michael Gerson, Joy Harjo, and Rowan Williams to do this.

The late Michael Gerson is well known as a presidential speechwriter, a Washington Post columnist, and a passionate Christian whose faith was the basis of his life. He frequently shared that faith with us in his writings. Joy Harjo is a Native American former US Poet Laureate who writes poetry, music and plays and has won countless awards for her work. She brings a unique spiritual voice to her work. The Most Rev. Rowan Williams retired from his post as Archbishop of Canterbury in 2012. He is an eloquent liberal theologian whose term in that office was marked by his bold stands on social issues and his belief that faith was action. We hope their contemporary language will help you see Advent as a lived-out faith today and provide a meaningful frame for Advent in our daily lives.

Gwen, Karen, Louise, and Martha from the Advent 2 Team



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**PRELUDE** Creator of the Stars of Night

*Conditor alme siderum*  
Richard Warner (1908-1983)

**OPENING HYMN** 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

*Bereden väg för Herran*



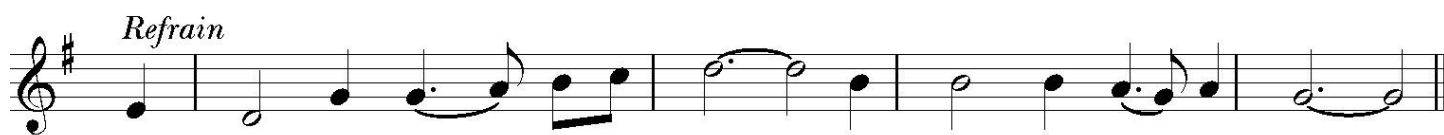
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Let us keep Advent in our hearts.  
**And in our lives.**

**A CALL TO ADVENT** The Most Reverend Rowan Williams: Former Archbishop of Canterbury  
The story of Jesus is not just an epiphany – a revelation of glory and no more – and it's not just a commandment or a set of instructions dropped down from heaven. It is a manifestation of radiant beauty that lands in our world in the form of a profound moral challenge, because it's a showing of active love that dissolves fear.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Holy Spirit is upon you!  
And also upon you!

Let us pray:

Lord, give us grace to be present to hear the messages of warning, presented by our precious earth and divided mankind. As we travel through Advent and beyond, give us the strength to listen, see, and love, recognize our commonalities, and see a rebirth in this Advent season. Amen.

*(9:00) Children wishing to participate in Children's Chapel may follow the leader at this time.*

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

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

## THE SECOND READING

Michael Gerson

“One of the stranger elements of the strange Nativity narrative is the way an angel addresses Mary: “you who are highly favored”. As a teen mother, pregnant before marriage and destined to give birth among barn animals, she might have been forgiven for regarding this as angelic sarcasm....

The whole Christmas story is pregnant with enigma and violated expectations....

Christmas culminates in the remarkable story of a God who searches for us.

If the Nativity story is true... The implications are remarkable. It means there are no insignificant or pointless lives. It means that the events and choices of an average day can carry eternal significance. ...

If we had been there the night in question, walking the Judean hills, would we have seen and heard the angels? I have no idea. But I do know that the civilization that I inhabit is unimaginable without the birth of the Christ child. I know that billions in the last two millennia have claimed communion with Him, and I have faith that this extraordinary person who knew God’s heart so intimately can be born into our hearts as well.”

## THE THIRD READING

*This Morning I Pray For My Enemies*  
Joy Harjo, American Poet

And whom do I call my enemy?

An enemy must be worthy of engagement.

I turn in the direction of the sun and keep walking.

It’s the heart that asks the questions, and not my furious mind.

The heart is the smaller cousin of the sun.

It sees and knows everything.

It hears the gnashing even as it hears the blessing.

The door to the mind should only open from the heart.

An enemy who gets in, risks the danger of becoming a friend.

## THE GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Jesus, according to Matthew



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of Jesus.



Praise to — you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

Annemarie Quigley

*The sermon for the 9 AM service will be delivered after the service during sermon seminar.*

*The people stand as able.*

## AFFIRMATION

Let us affirm our faith together:

**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 prevail. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We are in Advent. Christ stands knocking at the door, and if we open, promises, “I will make all things new...a new heaven and a new earth”.

Christ is coming. Wait for Him; watch for Him - the God who is looking for us; prepare ourselves for Him.

**Holy one, light our path through Advent**

Prepare our hearts for Advent. Take away our pride, our vanity, our ambition, our self-regard. Fill us with compassion, humility, and faith. Make us a new people.  
**Creator, open our hearts.**

Prepare us for Advent in our lives today. show us Christ walking among us - in the immigrant and the outcast; in the neighbor we don't agree with, the politician we feel contempt for; in the pregnant teenager; in the homeless we turn away from; in the sick and the broken. Strengthen us to reach out. Let Advent fill our days, each day.  
**Redeemer, fill us with your spirit.**

*Let us pray for those in our lives and for others.*

Let us pray:

**Holy one, in this Advent season, we reflect on your transcendent birth into the human condition and your walk beside us through life. Help us to rehear the ancient story and know that story is as new as today. Help us to keep Advent in our hearts and in our lives.**

## **CONFESSION**

Let us confess where we have missed the mark against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

**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.**

**God Forgives you, Forgive yourself, and Go in Peace, Amen.**

## **MISSION MOMENT**

Service and Social Justice Board, Julie Murphy

## **THE PEACE**

**The peace of God be with you!  
And also with you.**

## VESTRY GREETING

## 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

Let us put into action the generosity that comes from your faith.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan

Chancel Choir

*O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:  
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

*Isaiah had prophesied, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.'*

*Amen.*



1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_

2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_

3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_

4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_

No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_

No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_

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No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

1. 2. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

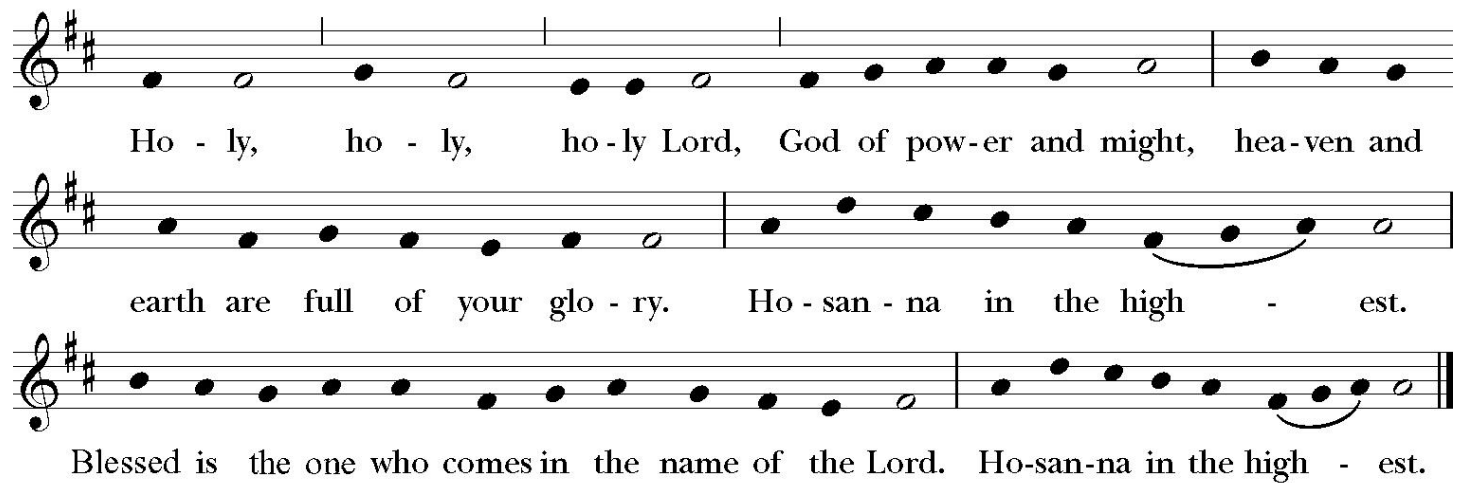
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have lled us and all of creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**SANCTUS S 124**

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



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.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces and gave it to them. “This is my body,” he said. “Do this, and know that I am with you.”

**Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said “This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you.”

**Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him.

**Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

**Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you and say:

**We praise you. We thank you. We bless you. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches us, let us pray:

**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.**

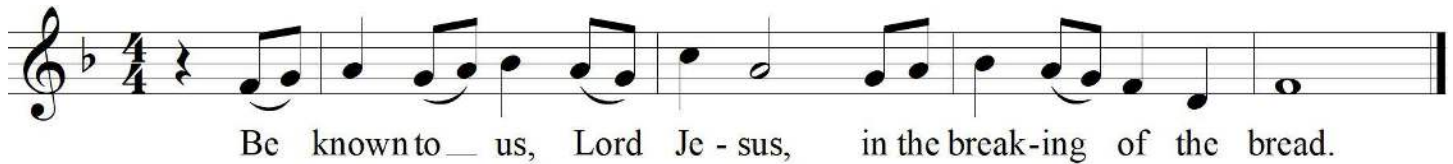
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM WLP 875 Be known to us**

Gary James

*Choir first time, then congregation.*



*Soloist: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.*

*All repeat Refrain.*

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table and this bread and wine as God's food for us all.

**Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe or  
do not believe, All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!**

## THE COMMUNION

*St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our  
strong belief in the power of community.*

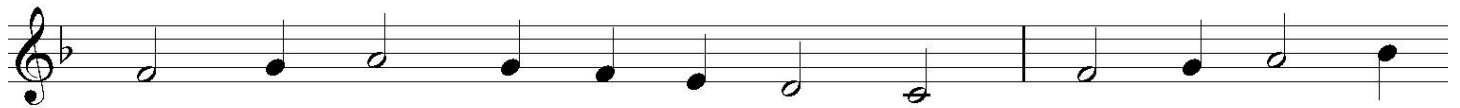
*You will be offered bread by a celebrant, and invited to drink from the common cup.*

*Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.*

# MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people

*Psalm 42*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



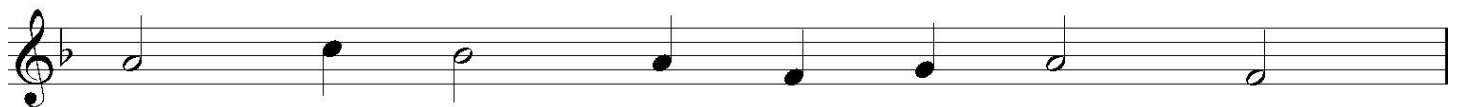
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



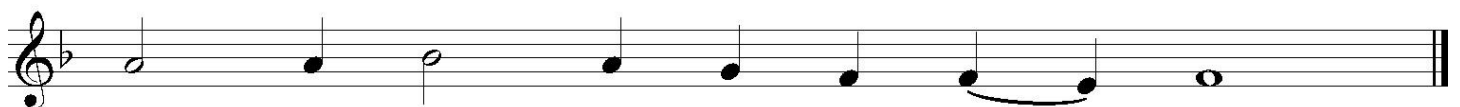
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

## Wayfaring Stranger

Southern American Folksong, arr. Richard Walters

Marika Kelin, soloist

*I am a poor wayfarin' stranger while trav'lin' through this world of woe,  
Yet there's no sickness, toil or danger in the bright world to which I go.  
I'm goin' there to see my father, I'm goin' there no more to roam.  
I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.*

*I know dark clouds will gather 'round me. I know my way is rough and steep,  
But golden fields lie out before me where God's redeemed shall ever sleep.  
I'm goin' there to see my mother. She said she'd meet me when I come.  
I'm only goin' over Jordan. I'm only goin' over home.*

*I'll soon be free from ev'ry trial, my body sleep in the churchyard.  
I'll drop the cross of self denial and enter on my great reward.  
I'm goin' there to see my Savior, to sing his praise forevermore.  
I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together:

**Ever present God, we thank you for drawing us to your heart and nourishing us at your table. You have called us on a journey to a place we do not know. We are not where we started. We have not reached our destination. We are not sure where we are or who we are. Be among us, we pray. Calm our fears, save us from discouragement, and help us stay on course. Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this unknown place continues as a journey of trust. Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN WLP 724 People, look East

*Besançon Carol*



1. Peo - ple look east the time is near of the crown - ing of the
2. Fur - rows be glad though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish that in course the flow'r may  
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to -  
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love, the guest is on the way.  
flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love, the rose, is on the way.  
geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
com - ing Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we have but little time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth caring for the world as God cares for us.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE The King Shall Come

*Consolation*, David N. Johnson  
(1922-1987)



## Sermon Seminar *at 10:00 am*

### Announcements

*Please limit announcements to one minute or less.*

### The Sermon

Annemarie Quigley

### Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?
2. Is it meaningful? Will others care?
3. Can I make it short?
4. Will I later regret having said it?
5. Has anyone else said it?

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## Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

*If you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles, we'd love to talk to you!  
For more information, contact our Assistant Rector Christopher Phillips at  
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<b>Deacon Intern</b>	Annemarie Quigley
<b>Bread</b>	TBD, 9:00; Karen Wiedemann, 11:15
<b>Readers</b>	Gwen Dillard, Karen Falk, Louise Waslsh 9:00; Jackie Boddie, Karen Falk & Martha Connor-Donnelly, Louise Walsh 11:15
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD, 9:00; Mitch Wood, 11:15
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lucas, 9:00; Doris Burton, 11:15
<b>Video Director</b>	David Deutsch
<b>Technical Director</b>	Charlie Rupp
<b>Verger</b>	Josie Jordan, 9:00; Michael Knipe, 11:15

**The Blue Hangings** on the pulpit, lectern, and altar were designed by Tracy Council and fabricated by Tracy and Doris Burton. The set was given by the Arts Council and dedicated in December 2005. The pulpit fall has four images relating to Advent, allowing a change for each Sunday. The fabric for the fall, markers, veil, one stole, and two chasubles is hand-dyed Dupioni silk. The second stole and the bread cover were hand-woven by Doris Burton, representing the homespun fabrics of biblical times. That stole includes rose threads for Gaudete Sunday (3rd Advent).

**The Advent/Christmas Wreath**, given to St. Mark's by Scilla Adams in loving memory of her father, Colonel Neil Ramsay, was hand-forged by Richard A. Martin, a metal sculpture in Alexandria, Virginia. This work is made of steel with solid-link chains and hammered drip pans, painted black and measuring three feet in diameter, with a cross hanging beneath the central candle.

**The Epiphany Star** above the altar is a gift from Joya Cox, its creator. It is an icosahedron, a figure with 20 plane surfaces, each of which also serves as the base of a pyramid. As its name indicates, the star was originally commissioned to mark the Epiphany, the Christian feast day commemorating the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the world. The imagery of a star, with its light distant but still visible, is also appropriate for Advent, and as a result is now displayed during the season of Advent as well as during Epiphanytide.



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## Diocesan Delegates

Tom Getman (2025), and Mary Neznec (2024)

The upcoming Vestry Meetings are held on these dates. Contact Michele for the link if you want to join us: Tuesday 7pm on 12/19, (Hybrid) 1/23/24 (Hybrid)

# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

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The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) • Belize, The Church in the Province of  
the West Indies • Bendigo, The Anglican Church of Australia • Beni , Province de L'Eglise  
Anglicane Du Congo • Benin, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal • Pamela Blumgart  
Joseph Boone • Greg Burton • Alexander Casadonte • Presiding Bishop Michael Curry •  
Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys • Mary De Nys • Charley Donnelly • Pete Eveleth •  
Candance Golladay • Gale Johnson • Pat Latin • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks • Kate  
McFadden • Mac McLaughlin • Rector Michele Morgan • Pam Burton Moore •  
David Peterson • Sylvia Peterson • James and Wanda Pittman • Deb Sullivan •  
Olga, Tony & Anthony Sullivan • Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson •  
Rita Wolfinger • Geoffrey Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

## *Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Military*

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest • Noah Landen

*If you would like to request to add or remove a name, please email the Bulletin Coordinator  
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**From the Advent Planning Team – A questionnaire. December 10, 2023**

When our team chose readings and prayers for today's service, we found contemporary writers to fit with the season's overall theme: "Preparing Our Path into Uncertainty." Several words emerged: Anxiety, unease, wonder, and hope. Our team's subtheme is: "Advent in Our Lives." Please provide some feedback about how this service and theme worked for you.

Name optional \_\_\_\_\_

I/we attended the 9 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 11:15 \_\_\_\_\_ or the 5 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ service

I/we have attended St. Mark's since \_\_\_\_\_

Overall, did you like \_\_\_\_\_ not like \_\_\_\_\_ the service today?

Did our theme mean anything to you in Advent?

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What parts did you appreciate? For example, contemporary readings, specific prayers, the Affirmation, the Collect, certain musical pieces, etc.

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What parts did not appeal to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Other comments are most welcome: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you be interested in being part of a liturgy planning team in the future?

(Please print)

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*Thank you.*

*Please tear this page off and turn it into the basket or to a planning team member.*

*Martha Connor-Donnelly, Gwen Dillard, Karen Falk, Louise Walsh*



## 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 10, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about:

- \_\_\_\_\_ BECOMING A MEMBER
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 clergyperson? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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