

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, 2023

**8:30 PM CONGREGATIONAL
CAROLING**

**9:00 PM FESTIVAL HOLY
EUCCHARIST**

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Assistant Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Deacon

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

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

To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage 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.



PRELUDE MUSIC & CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING

O Little Town of Bethlehem (piano)

Lewis H. Redner, arr. Carol Tornquist

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**

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**

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

Lou Bayard, soloist

When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day. I asked the Lord to help me, and he showed me the way.

Refrain: *Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

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

*And lo! when they had seen it, they all bowed down and prayed.
They traveled on together to where the babe had laid. Refrain*

*He made me a watchman upon the city wall;
And if I am a Christian, I am the least of all. Refrain*

1. O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born;
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!

2 Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star so sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger;

In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

3 Truly he taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother.
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

SOLO I Wonder As I Wonder Appalachian Carol, collected, adapted, & arranged by John Jacob Niles
Charmian Crawford, 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.*

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.

Refrain: 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

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Refrain

5 Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Refrain

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that
hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Refrain

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83 O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;



come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore 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!



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



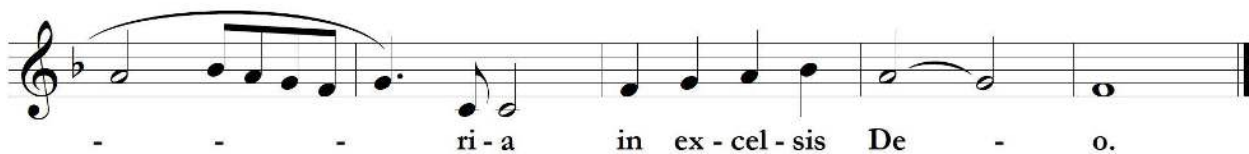
and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad ti - dings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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THE COLLECT

God be with you.
 And also with you.

Let us pray:

Creator God, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem. May faith enlighten our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The people sit.

THE LESSON Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -

2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our

*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - every heart pre - pare him room, and

songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -

fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far

na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture

peat the sound - ing joy, and re - peat the sound - ing

as the curse is found, far as the curse is

won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.

joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

found, far as, far as the curse is found.

love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14, *adapted*

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

In those days, a census decree for all the world went out from Emperor Augustus. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All traveled to their own towns to be registered. Joseph, a descendent from the house and family of David, went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea to the city of David called Bethlehem. 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. An angel of God stood before them, and the glory of God shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. Behold, 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. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly, there appeared a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"

The Gospel of Jesus.



Praise to — you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

The people stand as able.

THE AFFIRMATION

We believe in God the Creator:

from whom everyone in heaven and on earth has life and being.

We believe in God the Son: Who broke into the world incarnate bringing transforming love and lives now in our hearts through faith, and calls us to this same loving transformation in our own lives. We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. 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, **be known to us.**

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, **be known to us.**

On this holy night, Christians look to the Holy Land. This night, we pray not for Arab persons or Jewish persons, for Palestinians or Israelis, but rather for ourselves, that we might not divide them in our prayers yet keep them both together in our hearts. Yet overall, we pray for peace. Gracious God, **be known to us.**

On this holy night, Mary brought your light into our lives. May those in any kind of suffering feel the inbreaking of your love. Gracious God, **be known to us.**

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, **be known to us.**

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, **be known to us.**

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, **be known to us.**

On this holy night, Christians the world over celebrate Jesus' birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Gracious God, **be known to us.**

Let us pray:

Living God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as a family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, so that we bring justice and peace to all people. Amen.

THE PEACE

May the peace of God, born among us, be with you!
And also with you.

All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.

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 faith.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ding Dong! Merrily On High

16th C. French Tune, arr. David Willcocks

Chancel Choir

Ding dong, merrily on high! In heav'n the bells are ringing;

Ding dong, verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,

And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;

may ye beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!"

PRESENTATION HYMN 105 God rest you merry, gentlemen, vv. 1 & 4

God Rest You Merry



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Holy One, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Child to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Jesus of everlasting life; that when Christ 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:

SANCTUS S 128

William Mathias

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. Blessed is the one who

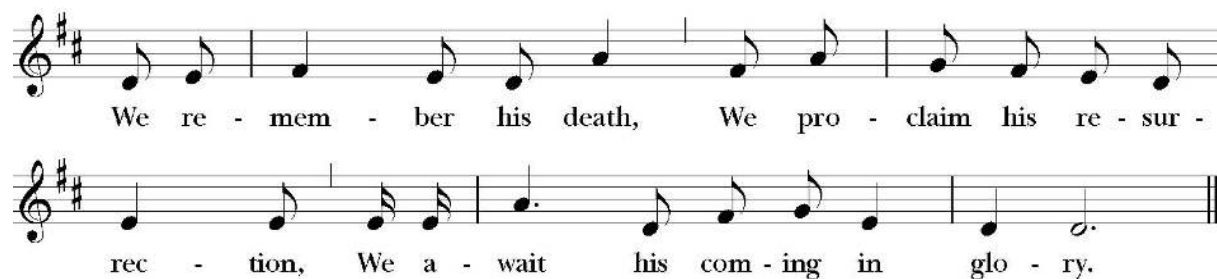
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Mother, 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

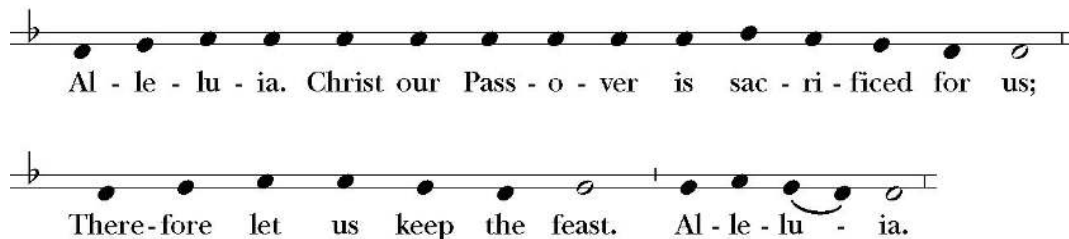
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

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 S 152

Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens

All Sing.



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

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago;
 Born' neath light of star He who loved us so.*

*Refrain: Far away, silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay,
 Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day.*

*Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby;
 Over her son so dear angel hosts fill the sky. Refrain*

*Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills
 Worship this babe so rare, hHearts with His warmth he fills. Refrain*

*Love in that stable was born Into our hearts to flow;
 Innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know. Refrain*

Brass Quintet

Hymn 94 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

Winchester Old

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all scat - ed on the ground,
 2. "Fear not," said he for migh - ty dread had seized their trou - bled mind;
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
 4. "The heaven - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
 5. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with ap - peared a shin - ing throng
 6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;

the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 "glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:
 to those on whom his fa - vor rests good - will shall ne - ver cease."

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you for nourishing us with the spiritual food of your body and blood. Open our eyes to see your Christ in all people: open our hearts to be present to the suffering, open our hands to heal the wounded, and open our minds to renew the lost. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us: that all your children shall be free. Guide us to continue in the embodied life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Candles will be lit. Please share the light with your neighbors.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,


Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. born! Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. born!
 birth. Christ, the Sa - vior, is birth.
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.


Please extinguish all candles; place them in the containers by the doors as you depart.

CLOSING HYMN 87 Hark! the herald angels sing


Mendelssohn



1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-cous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born 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, Gentlemen

arr. Rob Roy McGregor

Brass Quintet



Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Presider	The Reverend Christopher Phillips
Preacher	The Reverend Michele Morgan
Deacon	The Reverend Thom Sinclair
Deacon Intern	Annemarie Quigley
Director of Music	Jeff Kempskie
Vergers	Josie Jordan & Raiford Gaffney
Readers	Doris Burton & Raiford Gaffney
Altar Guild	Anne & Bob Headley
Crucifer	Doris Burton
Torches	Jason Campbell & Michael Knipe
Thurifer	Annmarie Quigley
Greeters	Bill Jordan, Jim Brooks
Bread	Raiford Gaffney
Video Director	Elin Whitney-Smith
Technical Director	Chris Berendes
Choir	St. Mark's Chancel Choir Danielle Bendjy, Imani Mchunu Grosvenor, Charlotte Storch, Thomas Cromwell, Antony Zwerdling, guest singers
Brass Quintet	Jari Villanueva & Paul Lindsay, trumpet Shawn Zheng, horn; Mike Evans, trombone Bill Gray, tuba

Festival Giving 2023



Parishioner contributions toward this year's special Christmas greening and music are given to the Glory of God in loving memory, in honor, and in thanksgiving of those whose names appear below. The remainder will be distributed to our justice ministries.

In Loving Memory of...

Frank Lloyd by Betsy Athey

Fred, Emma & Lawana Boddie by Jackie Boddie

Beryl Lillaston & Fairfield Butt by Jane Byrne

Warren, Lillian, & William Price; Ollinger & Majorie Crenshaw by Margaret Crenshaw

Bette Hudgins by Lea Crusey & Jeb Ory

Charles & Laura Perry by Bill & Linda Dickinson

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Jim Steed by his family

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Mary Lou White & Nat White by Nat White

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In Honor of...

Shared ministry at St. Mark's by Betsy Athey

Maggie, Wally, Peter, Lila & Edwin Sedgwick by Susan & John Sedgewick

Sara Sinclair Lujan, Stephen Duncan Sinclair, Jean Rambo Sinclair & The Rev. Duncan Sinclair by Thom Sinclair

In Thanksgiving for ...

Lay-led worship planning teams creating new services for nine Sundays in 2023 by Betsy Athey

Jan Lipscomb by Jane Byrne

Edward Albert Cole by Margaret Crenshaw

Our children, grandchildren & siblings by David & Stephanie Deutsch

The St. Mark's Community by Lea Crusey & Jeb Ory

All who work for peace by Tom & Karen Getman

Leslie, Lucy & Jackie by Rosemary Harold & Michael Knipe

The Clergy, the Staff and the parishioners of St. Marks by Michele Morgan



Chrismons The ornaments on the trees beside the chancel steps are called Chrismons and symbolize Jesus's life and ministry. They were a gift to St. Mark's over 50 years ago from Jeanie Anderson, Mary Cooper's mother, who made all of them herself, and they have been used in the church every year since. The word Chrismon is an abbreviation of "Christ's Monogram". The ornaments are used in many denominations, especially in Lutheran churches. They are supposed to be white and gold and are traditionally made from donated household items, although there are some available commercially that utilize colors and synthetic ingredients.

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.

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.



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