

**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 FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**December 21, 2025**

**9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST  
& LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR  
IN BAXTER HALL**

**11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST  
& LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Associate Rector**

The Reverend Caitlin Frazier

**Pastoral Associate**

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

**Seminarian**

Rebekah Taylor

**Interim Director of Music**

Michael McCarthy

**Children, Youth, & Family**

**Ministry Director**

Lisa Ramish

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



To view the **Parish Calendar online**, go to our homepage [www.stmarks.net](http://www.stmarks.net) and click “Calendar” at the top of the page.

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

**Restrooms** are available in the foyer, with additional facilities located downstairs.

**Childcare** – The Nursery is open! Children up to age 3 are welcome. Take the stairs to the lower level; turn right to go down the hall to the Nursery, the last room on your right.

**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.



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### PRELUDE

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH** Christ Be Our Light, v. 5 Bernadette Farrell

*All Sing.*



5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess how we have missed the mark of God at the center of our lives and of our truest selves.

*A period of silence is observed.*

Together,

**All Holy and loving God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light; we have been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings. Smooth down the mountains of our pride, and lift up the valleys of our doubts. Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to you again.**

## ABSOLUTION

God forgives you, forgive yourself, and go in peace.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN LEVAS 14 Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

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; \_\_\_\_\_

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 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, \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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;

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

1.2. 3.4.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

Detailed description: This is the first system of a musical score for 'Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first measure of the treble staff contains a whole rest, with a first ending bracket above it labeled '1.2.'. The second measure of the treble staff contains a whole note chord (F4, A4, C5). The bass staff has a whole rest in the first measure and a whole note chord (B2, D3, F3) in the second measure. The lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Detailed description: This is the second system of the musical score. It continues from the first system. The treble staff has a whole note chord (F4, A4, C5) in the first measure, followed by a whole note chord (B4, D5, F5) in the second measure, and a whole note chord (A4, C5, E5) in the third measure. The bass staff has a whole note chord (B2, D3, F3) in the first measure, followed by a whole note chord (B2, D3, F3) in the second measure, and a whole note chord (B2, D3, F3) in the third measure. The lyrics 'jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Keep awake!

**You know not when God comes.**

Prepare the way of the Lord:

**A just and peaceful path!**

Keep awake!

**God is coming.**

*Sung three times.*

Ho - ly God, — Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT

God be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*(9:00 am) Children up to 8 years old wishing to participate in Children's Chapel may follow the leader at this time.*

*(9:00 am) Children ages 8-13 wishing to participate in the Next Gen Reflection may go downstairs to the Adams Room.*

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the

test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

(11:15) **PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18**



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock;\*  
Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh.\*  
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 a/way 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 GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of Jesus.



Praise to — you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

*The sermon for the 9 AM service will be delivered after the service during the Sermon Seminar*

*This will be held in Baxter Hall.*

## **AFFIRMATION**

**We believe in God the Creator, through whom every being in heaven and on earth has life.**

**We believe in God the Son, who walks with us and fills us with God's love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts through faith and strengthens us with the power to be God's hands in the world.**

**We believe in one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen**

*Prayers Of The People - In the season of Advent, we will use Eucharistic Prayer D from the Book of Common Prayer so our prayers of the people are embedded in the Eucharistic Prayer.*

## **THE PEACE**

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

## **VESTRY GREETING**

## **(11:15) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **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](http://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**

“The days are surely coming,” says God, “when I will fulfill the promise of justice and righteousness.” I invite you now to be a part of fulfilling God's promise as you give generously. Your gifts to this community of faith, and our wider mission through Service & Social Justice, provide hope as you help to bring justice a little closer to reality.

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Thou the Central Orb

Words by H.R. Bramley  
Music by Charles Wood

Chancel Choir

*O thou the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine;  
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight  
Gives measur'd grace to each, thy power to prove.  
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within.  
Amen.*

*The people stand as able.*

PRESENTATION HYMN WLP 795 Come now, O Prince of Peace

*O-so-so*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,  
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,  
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,  
4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

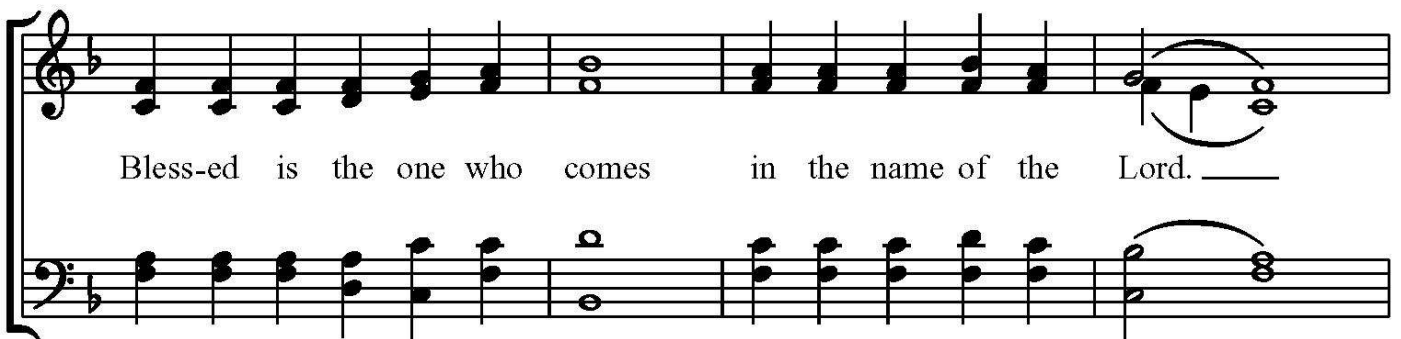
## SANCTUS EO 56

*Missa Oecumenica*

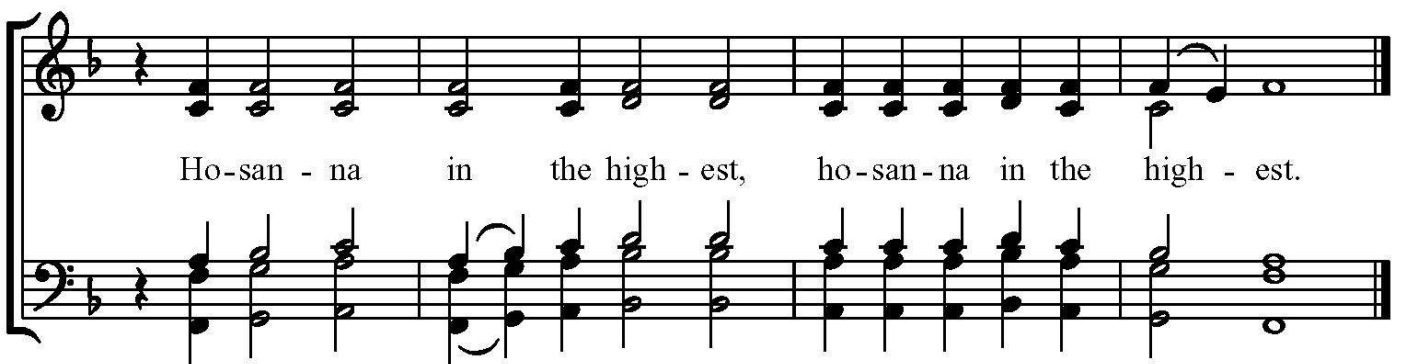
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. —



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Mother, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death;

and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Mother, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

[Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember our bishops Mariann and Eugene, our priests, deacons, and lay leaders and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember the poor, the oppressed, the hungry, those in prison, and those in war.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM EO57

*Missa Oecumenica*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "sins of the world, have \_\_ mer - cy on us." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The word "Repeat" is written above the end of the second system.

Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the

sins of the world, have \_\_ mer - cy on us.

*Repeat*

Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_\_ a - way the

sins of the world, grant \_\_\_\_\_ us peace.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God’s table set before us, and this bread and wine as God’s food for 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 put out your hands to help guide the cup to your lips, and drink.*

*If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your hands over your chest. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.*

*We offer Laying on of Hands in the chapel on the first and third Sunday of the month. On those Sundays, you may receive communion and go to the chapel to have*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

*Gabriel's Message*

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

Chancel Choir

Bogoróditse Dyévo, ráduisya, Blagodátnaya  
Maríye, Gospód s tobóyu.  
Blagoslovyéna ty v zhenákh,  
i blagoslovyén plod chryéva tvoyevó,  
yáko Spása rodilá yesí dush náshikh.

*Rejoice, virgin mother of God,  
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
for you have borne the Savior of our souls.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

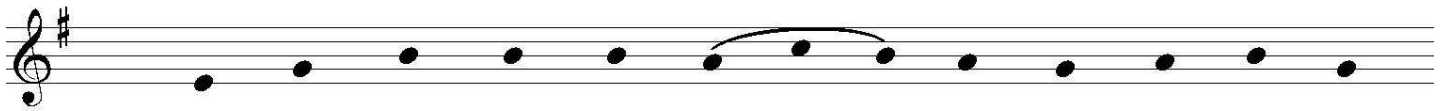
Together, let us pray.

**Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. In his living, dying, and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Amen.**

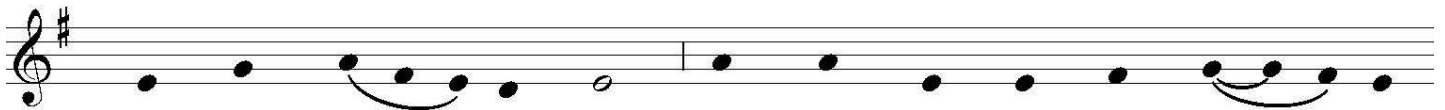
# CLOSING HYMN

56 O come, O come, Emmanuel, vv. 1-2 & 6-7

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*



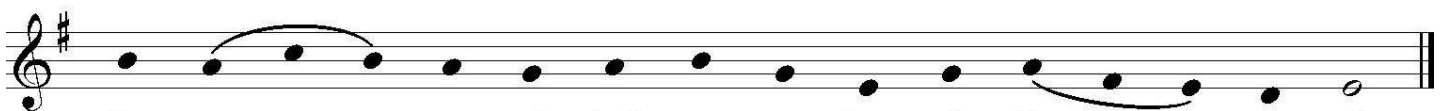
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## THE BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Schedule of Advent & Christmas Services

**Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

4 pm, Family Christmas Pageant & Service

8:30 pm, Congregational Caroling & Brass music

9 pm, Festival Eucharist



**Thursday, December 25 - 10 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 28 - 10 am Christmas Lessons & Carols**

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**Sermon Seminar *at 10:00 am in Baxter Hall***

**Announcements**

*Please limit announcements to one minute or less.*

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Sermon Seminar Guidelines:**

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

## Worship Participants

*We'd love to talk to you if you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles!  
For more information, contact our Associate Rector Caitlin Frazier, [Caitlin@stmarks.net](mailto:Caitlin@stmarks.net)*

<b>Ministers,</b>	All the Members of St. Mark's
<b>Presider</b>	The Reverend Caitlin Frazier
<b>Preacher</b>	The Reverend Michele Morgan
<b>Interim Director of Music</b>	Mike McCarthy
<b>Guest Organist</b>	Sonya Subbayya Sutton
<b>Verger</b>	Josie Jordan, <i>9:00</i> ; Michael Knipe, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	Rorem Family & Bill Jordan, <i>9:00</i> ; Jayme Bibbins & Hannah Harkey, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Cora McDonald Beatty, <i>9:00</i> ; Mitch Wood, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Readers</b>	Nancy Lucas & Mary Neznek, <i>9:00</i> ; Jane Byrne & Jackie Boddie, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Bread &amp; Wine</b>	Maureen Shea & Kenn Allen, <i>9:00</i> , TBD, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Ryerson, <i>9:00</i> ; Doris Burton & Lucy Brown, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Karen Getman, <i>9:00</i> ; Doris Burton, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Video Director</b>	David Deutsch
<b>Technical Director</b>	Charlie Rupp
<b>Laying on of Hands</b>	Aaryn Kopp, <i>9:00</i> ; Seth Ismail & Jan Lipscomb, <i>11:15</i>



**About Our Guest Organist:** Sonya Subbayya Sutton has served as Organist/Choirmaster in the Episcopal Church for over forty years, including for St. Alban's Parish, Church of the Epiphany, and recently retiring from The Falls Church. She is a Past President of the Association of Anglican Musicians and is currently on the national church's Standing Commission for Liturgy and Music. Sonya and her husband, The Right Rev. Eugene Sutton, divide their time between Washington D.C. and Chautauqua, N.Y.

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**The Advent Paraments** were designed by Tracy Councill 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, Bible 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).

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