

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 life's struggles and care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28, 2025

**10:00 AM LESSONS & CAROLS
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST**

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**, please visit our homepage 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.

Childcare – The Nursery is closed today to allow our teachers time with their loved ones.

Restrooms are available in the foyer, with more downstairs.

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

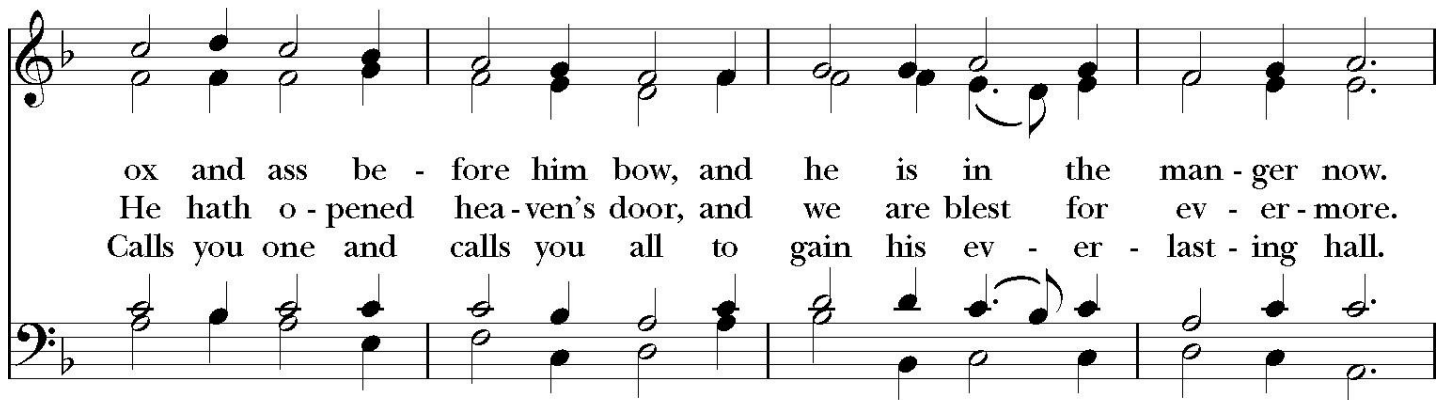
OPENING HYMN 107 Good Christian friends

In dulci jubilo

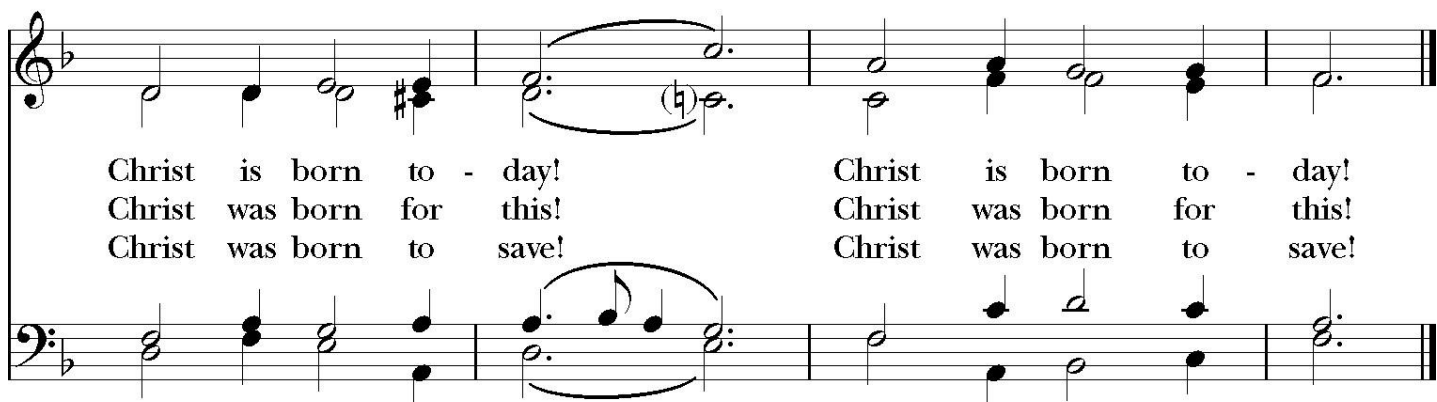
1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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!

He is Christ the Lord! Alleluia!
We worship and adore him! Alleluia!

BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of the Incarnate God: as we hear again the story of God's loving purposes from the beginning of creation, may we find that peace is born among us, embodied in frail flesh like our own. With hope in the power of that miracle, we pray that this child Jesus, whose birth we celebrate, awakens in us a longing and a will to heal our broken and hurting world. We pray that the peace proclaimed by angels to the shepherds in the field will be realized in every place of war, on every violent street, at every border, and in the capital of every nation.

Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and make us one body. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 3 (Adapted with a new ending by Nadia Boltz-Weber)

They heard the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the garden's trees. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

Who told you you were naked? Who told you that you have to lie to be loved? Who told you your body is not beautiful and worthy to be loved? Who told you that you must manipulate everything in your life to get what you need? Who told you that God cannot forgive, that you or anyone else is not redeemable? Who told you that what you have done (good or bad) is actually who you are? Who told you that? My money is on the snake. And he's a damned liar. Always has been. So if that snake starts talking blasphemy, don't listen. God wants more for you. And always has. Amen.

HYMN 82 Of the Father's love begotten, vv. 1-3

Divinum mysterium



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have been, and that fu - ture
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

THE SECOND LESSON Isaiah 7:10-15

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.



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close by me for

1. Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky — looked
 2. Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes, I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look
 3. ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

1. down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 2. down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 3. thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

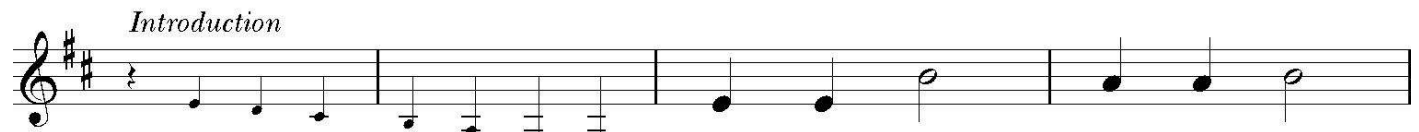
THE THIRD LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves because you have obeyed my voice.”

HYMN 92 On this day earth shall ring

Personet bodie

Introduction



1 On this day earth shall ring
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth;
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head,
 4 On this day an - gels sing;

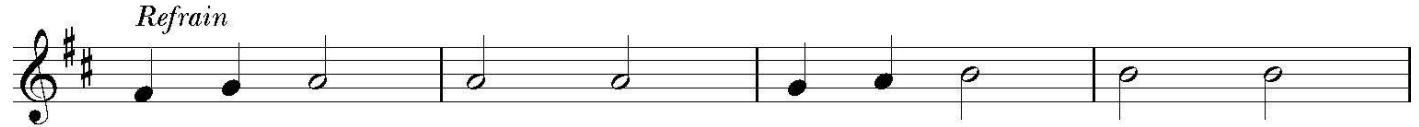


with the song child - ren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,
 when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;
 Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,
 with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,

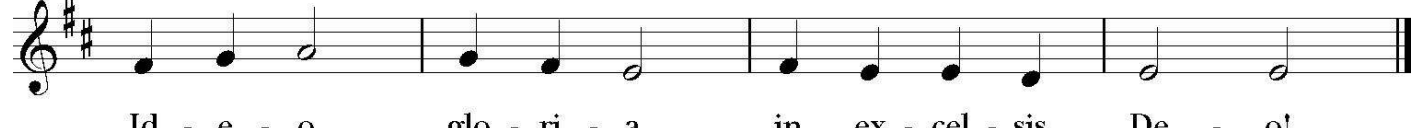


born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
 ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.
 lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
 born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

Refrain



Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,



Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

"Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"

THE FOURTH LESSON Hebrews 1:1-12

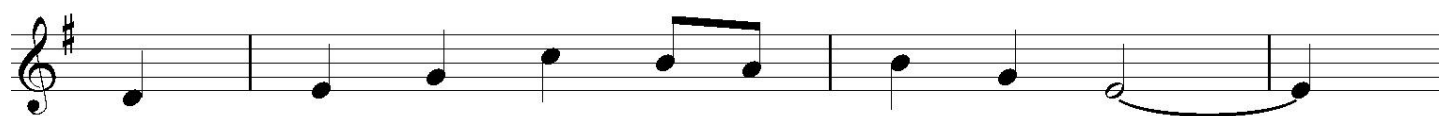
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'

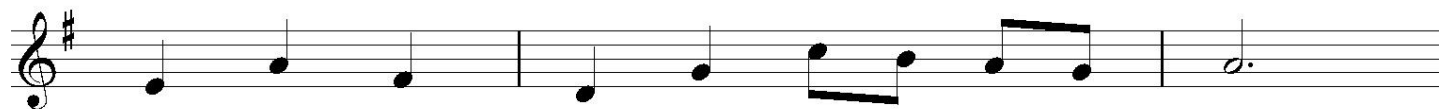
Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

HYMN 86 O Savior of our fallen race, vv. 1-4

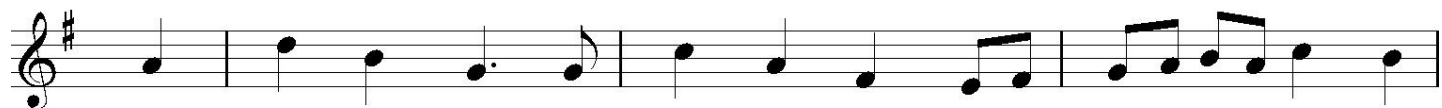
Gonfalon Royal



1	O	Sa - vior	of	our	fall - en	race,	_____
2	O	Je - sus,	ve - ry	Light	of	Light,	_____
3	Re -	mem - ber,	Lord	of	life	and	grace,
4	To -	day,	as	year	by	year	its
5	For	from	the	Fa - ther's	throne	you	came,
6	O	Christ,	Re - deem - er	vir - gin -	born,	_____	_____



1	O	Bright - ness	of	the	Fa - ther's	face,	_____
2	our	con - stant	star	in	sin's	deep	night;
3	how	once,	to	save	our	fall - en	race,
4	bathes	all	the	world	in	ra - diance	bright,
5	his	ban - ished	chil - dren	to	re -	claim;	_____
6	let	songs	of	praise	your	Name	a - dorn,



1	O	Son	who	shared	the	Fa - ther's	might	be - fore	the	world	knew
2	now	hear	the	prayers	your	peo - ple	pray	through - out	the	world	this
3	you	put	our	hu - man	ves - ture	on	and	came	to	us	as
4	one	pre - cious	truth	out - shines	the	sun:	sal - va - tion	comes	from	_____	_____
5	and	earth	and	sea	and	sky	re - vere	the	love	of	him
6	whom	with	the	Fa - ther	we	a - dore	and	Ho - ly	Spi - rit	_____	_____

(After stanza 6)

1 day or night,
 2 ho - ly day.
 3 Ma - ry's son.
 4 you a - lone.
 5 sent you here.
 6 ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:15-21

The Gospel of Jesus, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PEACE

May the peace of God, born among us, 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.

Food offerings may be brought forward to the baskets under the altar at this time.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SOLO Once in Royal David's City Words by Cecil F. Alexander
Music by Henry J. Gaunlett, arr. Richard Walters

Lou Bayard, soloist

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle
shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger
for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus
Christ her little child.*

*Jesus is our childhood's pattern, day by day like
us he grew; He was little, weak, and helpless, tears
and smiles like us He knew. And He feeleth for
our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.*

*He came down to earth from heaven, who is God
and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and
his cradle was a stall; with the poor, and mean,
and lowly, lived on earth, our Savior holy.*

*And our eyes at last shall see Him thro' His own
redeeming love; For that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above. And he leads his
children on to the place where he has gone.*

PRESENTATION HYMN 96 Angels we have heard on high, vv. 1 & 4

Gloria

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;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is always with us.

God has been born among us!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Incarnate One

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right and joyful to give our thankful 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:

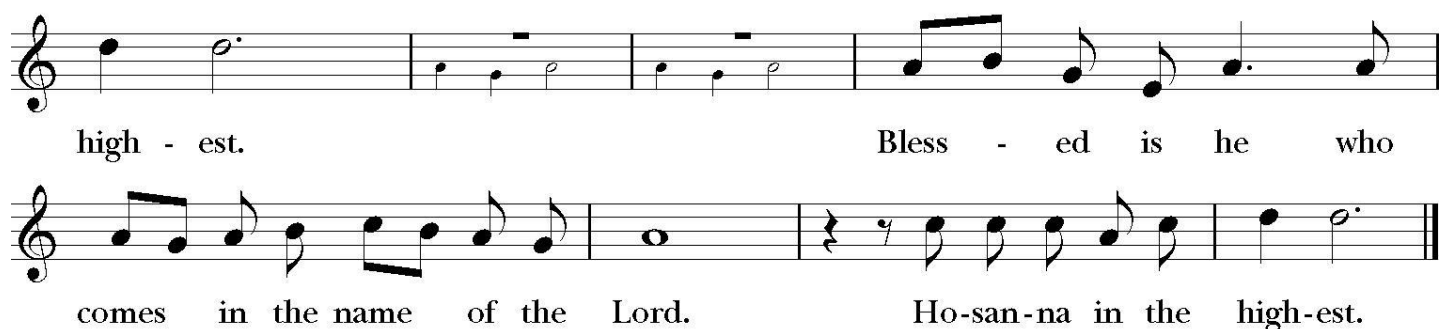
SANCTUS S 128

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

God of our Ancestors: Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, Leah 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.

Amen!

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 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, v. 2

Picardy

2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on

earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man

ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood

he will give to all the faith - ful

his own self for heaven - ly food.

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 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Mary Had a Baby

African American Spiritual, arr. Richard Walters

Lou Bayard, soloist

Mary had a baby, my Lord.

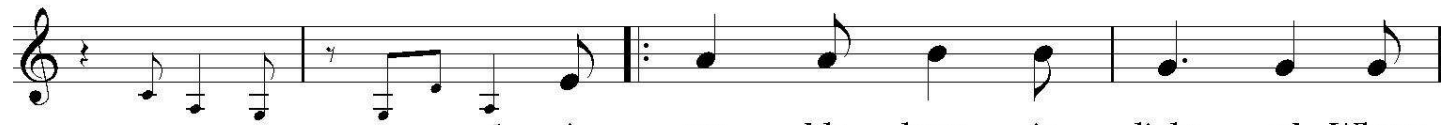
What did she call him, my Lord?

Mary had a baby, he was called King Jesus.

Where was he born, my Lord?

Mary had a baby, born in a stable.

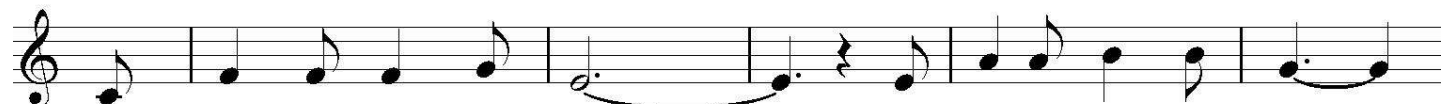
Laid him in a manger, my Lord.



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
 2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
 3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
 4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



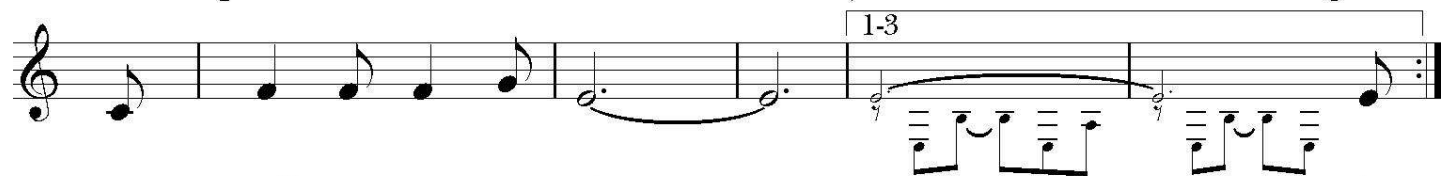
glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,



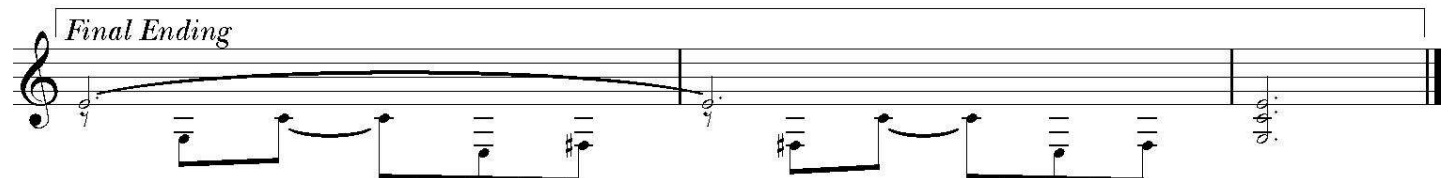
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - every stone shall cry,
 And ev - every stone shall cry. _____ And ev - every stone shall cry,
 And ev - every stone shall cry. _____ And ev - every stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
 For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear-head,
 In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his king - dom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love re - fused a - gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. _____

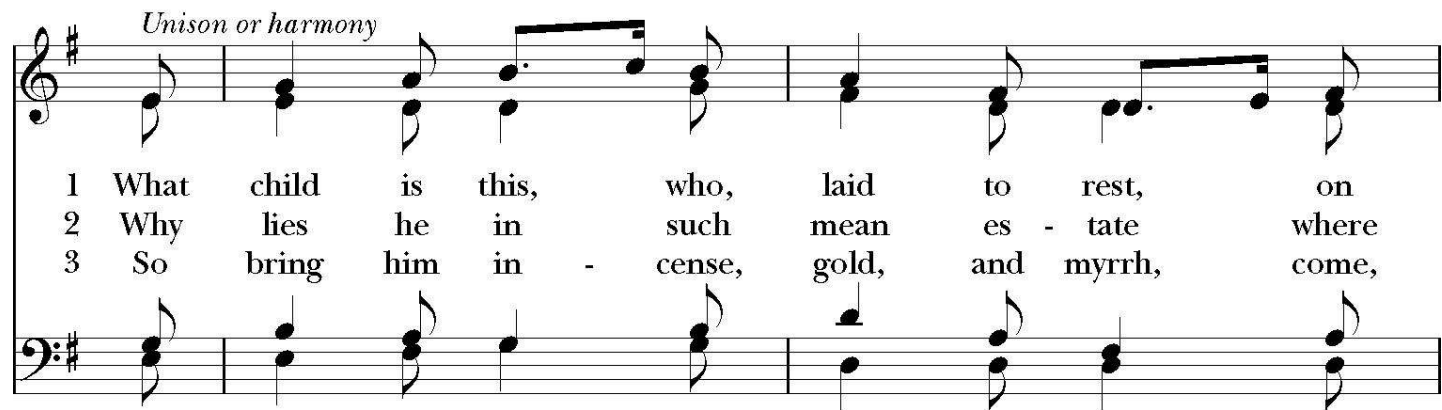


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

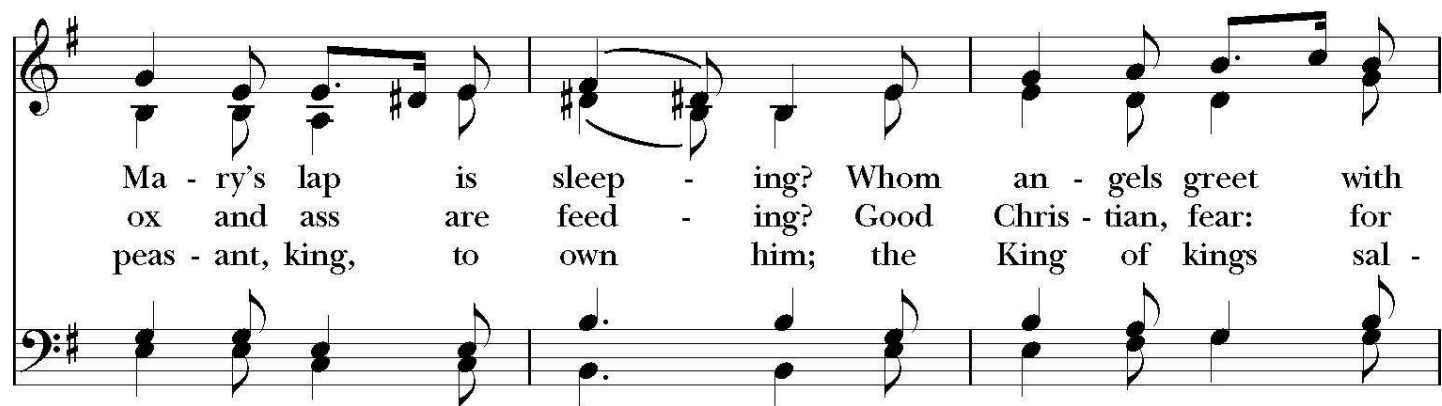
Let us pray,

Loving God, we thank you 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; we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

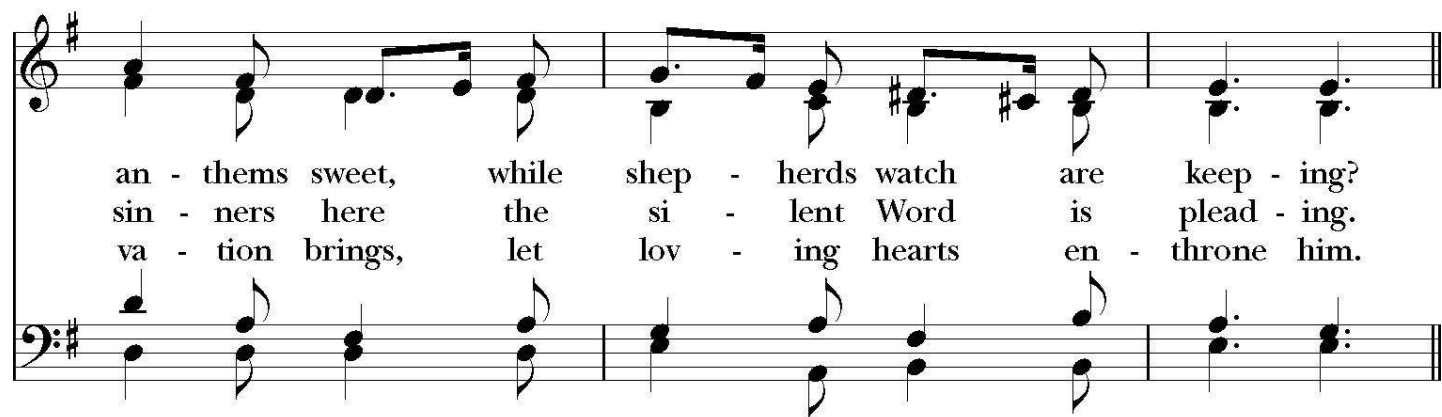
Unison or harmony



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

THE BLESSING

May the Creator, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you, God's children.

Amen.

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one thing, earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

Amen.

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



Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Presider	The Reverend Michele Morgan
Interim Director of Music	Mike McCarthy
Soloist	Lou Bayard
Verger	Michael Knipe
Readers	Christina Herman, Gwen Dillard, Nancy Lucas, Danielle Collins
Greeters	Mike Novy and Bill Jordan
Altar Guild	Josie Jordan, Katherine Rogers
Eucharistic Minister	David Deutsch
Bread & Wine	Kenn Allen and Maureen Shea
Video Director	Rosemary Harold
Technical Director	Chris Berendes/Eva Dee



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 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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