

ST. MARK'S PARISH
FOURTH SUNDAY *in* ADVENT

December 22, 2024



WELCOME to ST. MARK'S!

Thank you for joining us in our worship of Almighty God. We are glad that you are here and trust that you will meet the Lord Jesus Christ in today's worship. May God bless you richly with his grace.

ABOUT ST. MARK'S

St. Mark's Parish is a church of the Anglican Diocese of Ft. Worth and the Anglican Church in North America. We are part of the Anglican Tradition – a worldwide fellowship of churches that trace their history to the Reformation in England. Rooted in both the evangelical and catholic traditions, we teach faithful adherence to Holy Scripture, the need for repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, faithful administration of the Sacraments, and dutiful worship of our Lord God. We are an active parish with Christian formation for all ages, including Sunday School for children and adults, Bible studies, energetic children's ministries, great opportunities for youth, adult fellowship groups, multiple outreach programs and a gifted choir for Sundays, major feasts, and special liturgies. Our commitments include support of mission activities around the world.

SERVICE PREPARATION

Prior to the beginning of the service, you are invited to spend some time in preparation in order to worship our Lord God, asking God to open your heart, mind, and body (strength) to Him in order that you may fully participate in worship of Him. The following, or some other prayer, can be used.

Kneel and Pray

✠In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed Lord, who called me into Thy Church, help me to worship Thee fully, joining in all the service. Keep me from vain and wandering thoughts that I may concentrate my mind on Thy message of pardon, duty and love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

O Lord Jesus, I am sorry for all the wrong things that I have done and for all the things I have left undone because they wound Thee. Forgive me and help me to fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. Amen.

O Savior of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly pray. Amen.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

The Order for the Administration of
The Lord's Supper
Or
Holy Communion
Anglican Standard Rite
(Traditional Language)

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

THE PRELIMINARY RITE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Noël: "A la venue de Noël"

Nicolas-Antoine Lebègue

INTROIT

Advent Wreath Prayer

Malcolm Archer

*Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory forever! Your light has shone in our
darkened world through the childbearing of blessed Mary; grant that we
who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like
her for the coming of your Son, who is Lord and Saviour of all. Blessed be God for ever.*

THE PROCESSION

Please stand and sing

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Latin, ca. 9th cent.

Hymnal 56

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Celebrant Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Honor thy father and thy mother.
People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt do no murder.
People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not commit adultery.
People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not steal.
People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not covet.
People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, thy laws, in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Exodus 20:1-7; Dent. 5:6-21

After the 10th:
In unison, quasi recit. *In time, moderately quick*

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we be-seech thee.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins and are in love and charity with your neighbors and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things and judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness
of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have
mercy upon you, ✠pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE KYRIE

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The Celebrant then says:

	Lord, have mercy upon us.
People	Christ, have mercy upon us.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Moderato
mp

Alfred M. Smith

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

7 *mp* **Fine** *mp*
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son,

13 *f*
Chri - ste e - le - i - son,

16 *mf* **D.C. al Fine**
Chri - ste e - le - i - son,

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

2 Tm 4.22

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come among us, and with great might succor us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People sit. One or more Lessons and a Psalm, as appointed, are read.

FIRST READING

[Micah 5:2-5a]

But you, O Bethlehem Eph'rathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

And this shall be peace

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

[80:1-7]

*Read responsively by whole verse, pausing at * (8:00) Antiphon chanted by Congregation and Choir: (10:30)*

Antiphon

(Cantors, then all)

Turn us a - gain, thou God of hosts: *
2
show the light of thy coun - ten - ance, and we shall be whole.

- 1 Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; *
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.
- 2 **Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up thy strength, and come and help us. Antiphon
- 3 Turn us again, O God; *
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 4 **O LORD God of hosts, ***
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth? Antiphon
- 5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, *
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
- 6 **Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours, ***
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Antiphon

(8:00 only)

- 7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts; *
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

SECOND READING

[Hebrews 10:1-10]

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices which are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered? If the worshipers had once been cleansed, they would no longer have any consciousness of sin. But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin year after year. For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me; in burnt offer-

ings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book." When he said above, "Thou hast neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Lo, I have come to do thy will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Savior of the nations, come!

Martin Luther

Hymnal 54

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

THE GOSPEL

[Luke 1:39-56]

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**



Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechari'ah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my

Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon John T. Cruikshank, SSC, ASSP

After the Sermon we pause momentarily to meditate upon that which we have just heard in the lessons and sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

(According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662)

On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant, Deacon, or other person appointed, first saying:

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge
both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father [and the Son],*
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the ✠Resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The phrase "and the Son" (Latin filioque) is not the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the filioque in *Documentary Foundations* (page 768).

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or other person appointed says:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

The Congregation is invited to kneel or stand.

After each petition there is a time of silence for the Clergy and the People to add their own prayers in silence or spoken.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to lead the nations of the world into the way of righteousness; and so to direct and dispose the hearts of all their leaders, [especially ...] that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, upholding integrity and truth, to the punishment of wickedness and vice and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, [and especially to thy servants, _____] that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, that with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations, and strengthen us to fulfill thy great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that thou hast commanded.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Look with favor, O Lord, upon thy servants celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week, [especially _____], that, as they begin another year, they may grow in wisdom and grace.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____].

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants who have departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially _____], that thy will for them may be fulfilled, and we beseech thee to give us grace to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Blessed Mark, our Patron, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Reader, or the Celebrant, may add additional Supplications.

The Celebrant concludes with an appropriate prayer:

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Gabriel’s Message”

Music: Basque Carol
arr. by Robert Grogan

The text for the Anthem can be found in Hymn 265.

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

(8:00)

Celebrant Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as Head above all. All things come of thee, O Lord,

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

[1 Chronicles 29.11, 14](#)

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (v.3)

(10:30)

Old 100th

Isaac Watts/Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE SURSUM CORDA

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The People stand. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. *Cl 3.16-17; Jn 17.11*

PREFACE FOR ADVENT

Here a Proper Preface is normally sung or said.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
✠Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus

Alfred M. Smith
cresc.

mp
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, heav'n and earth are

7 *mf* *decresc.* *mp*
full of Thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to Thee O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is

14 *cresc.* *f*
He that com - eth in the Name of the Lord: Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify with thy Word and Holy Spirit these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here * may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it*, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” *1 Cr 11.23-35*

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink, ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” *1 Cr 11.23-35*

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty with these, thy holy gifts, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his Blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together 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.



Mt 6.9-13

S-119

Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas

A musical score for the Lord's Prayer in plainsong style. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the host. The Fraction Anthem (Pascha Nostrum) is not used. A period of silence is observed instead.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under thy table;
but thou art the same Lord
whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Ex 34.6-7; Dn. 9.18; Mt 15.27; Jn 6.47-58, 17.20-26; 1 Cr 10.14-18

THE AGNUS DEI

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The following anthem is sung:

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
People **grant us thy peace.**

Agnus
Dei

Alfred M. Smith

p
O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
7
on us. *mp* O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
14
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. *p* O Lamb of
20
God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, *decres. rall. pp* grant us, grant us thy peace.

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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the follow invitation

✠Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are they that are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *Jn 1.29, Rev. 19.9*

The people respond

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my *soul* shall be healed. *Mt 8.8*

The Celebrant continues

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

All baptized and believing Christians in good standing in their local congregation, recognizing the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, are welcome to share in receiving Communion. All those who are 'seeking after God' are welcome to come forward to receive God's blessing from the Priest, so indicated by crossing your arms over your chest as the priest arrives before you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Noël: “Or nous dites Marie”

Alexandre Guilmant

PERSONAL PRAYERS *at* COMMUNION

Personal prayers before receiving:

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen. Here may I grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God; Here drink with Thee the royal Wine of Heaven; Here would I lay aside each earthly load. Here taste afresh the calm of sins forgiven. Good Lord, show me my sins and forgive them. Come to me, cleanse, heal and strengthen me that I may serve Thee faithfully all my life. Amen.

Personal prayers after receiving:

O Bread of Life and divine food, bring life and health to my body and soul. Grant, O Lord, that what I have taken with my lips I may receive with a pure heart; and from a temporal gift may it become for me an eternal remedy.

Let thy Body, O Lord, which I have taken, and thy Blood which I have received, cling to my soul; and grant that no spot of sin may remain in me, whom this pure and Holy Sacrament has refreshed; who liveth and reigneth with thee, world without end. Amen.

ABLUTIONS HYMN

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Basque carol

Hymnal 265

Gabriel's Message

ANNOUNCEMENTS
and
PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND TRAVEL

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say the following,

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,
in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor
and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in
the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works that thou hast prepared
for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Rm 12.5; 1 Cr 12.12-13, 27; Ep 2.8-10; Tr 3.7-8

THE ADVENT BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing

May almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came amongst us in great humility, sanctify thee with the light of His blessing and set thee free from all sin. **Amen.**

May He whose second coming in power and great glory we do await, make thee steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May thou, who rejoicest in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at His second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Ep 3.14-19; Cl 2.2-3; Ph 4.7

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words:

Deacon *People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

Come, thou long expected Jesus
Charles Wesley

Hymnal 66
Stuttgart

CLOSING PRAYER

the Celebrant says

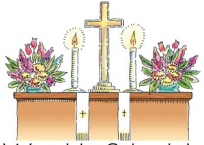
Blessed, praised, worshipped, hallowed and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne of Glory in heaven, in the most holy Sacrament of the altar, and in the hearts of his faithful people and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Response: And may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Noël: Venez divin Messie

Jean-Jaques Beauvarlet-Charpentier



Worship Schedule

December 23 - 29

“O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!” [Psalm 95:6](#)

Monday thru Friday, 8 am: Morning Prayer (live-streamed)
5:30 pm: Evening Prayer (live-streamed)

Christmas Eve and Day



Christmas Eve Early Service, Festal Mass7pm, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Late Service, Solemn Mass10:00pm, Dec. 24
Christmas Day, Low Mass 10:00 am, Dec. 25

Friday, 12 Noon: Said Mass (Not live-streamed)

Saturday, 9:30 am: Healing Prayer Mass
4:30 pm: Evening Prayer (live-streamed)

Sunday, First Sunday of Christmas, Dec. 29

7 am: Morning Prayer (live-streamed)
8 am: Said Mass (Not live-streamed)
10:30 am: Christmas Lessons and Carols w/ Eucharist
(sung, with incense, live-streamed; see website for bulletin)
4:30 pm: Evening Prayer (live-streamed)

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Parish Office Closed December 25-26 for Christmas.

Live-Streamed Worship

Live-Streamed Worship, when available, can be accessed through our Facebook Page. The video is then posted to Facebook for later viewing as well. You can also access our Facebook Page directly from our website without the need to have a Facebook account.

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For the text of the Prayer for Spiritual Communion please download from <http://fwepiscopal.org/downloads/Spiritual%20Communion.pdf>

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