

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+

CAPITOL HILL

**CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2016**

Gloria
IN EXCELSIS DEO

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING 9:30PM

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00PM

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING AND FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

Preacher

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Presiders

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
The Reverend R. Justice Schunior

Director of Music and Organist

Mr. Jeff Kempskie

Worship Participants

Beadles	Ruth Ann Hess, Jackie Bodie
Acolyte	Liz Layton
Altar Guild	Anne and Robert Headley
Bread & Wine	James Brooks and Karen Goodall
Lay Servers	Hester Ohbi, Raiford Gaffney, Walt Witek, Stephanie Deutsch and Linda Huntington
The Hebrew Scripture	Doris Burton
The Prayers of the People	Jack Burton

Musicians

The St. Mark's Chancel Choir

Guest Singer - Dennis Tosh

Madeleine Caceres - flute

Brass Quintet

Dave Haglund - trumpet

Jari Villanueva - trumpet

Kent Baker - horn

Rob Mesite - trombone

Bill Gray - tuba

Jeff Kempskie, Director of Music and Organist

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING +
MUSIC FOR BRASS , FLUTE AND ORGAN

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow (brass)

African American Spiritual, arr. Charles Evans

Hymn 102 Once in royal David's City

Irby

1 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.

4 For he is our lifelong pattern;
daily, when on earth he grew,
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,
tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

2 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, the scorned, the lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

5 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

3 We, like Mary, rest confounded
that a stable should display
heaven's Word, the world's creator,
cradled there on Christmas Day,
yet this child, our Lord and brother,
brought us love for one another.

6 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
set at God's right hand on high.

Hymn 81 Lo, how a Rose e're blooming

Es ist ein Ros

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

3 O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Hymn 101 Away in a manger

Cradle Song

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Carol of the Bells (brass)

Peter J. Wilhousky, arr. David Baldwin

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.

*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 frankin-
cense. *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*

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (brass)

Traditional English Carol, arr. Rob Roy McGregor

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn 83 O come, all ye faithful, vv. 1-3, 6

Adeste fideles

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

2 God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten
Son of God the Father; *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest; *Refrain*

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

Opening Sentences

Presider I bring you good news of great joy:

People a Savior has been born to you. Alleluia!

Presider Unto us a child is born,

People unto us a Son is given. Alleluia!

Presider He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

People We worship and adore him. Alleluia!

Song of Praise Hymn 96 Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4 See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

People O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

The Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 9:2-3a, 4a, 6-7, revised

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You, O God, have multiplied the nation, increasing its joy. They rejoice as at the harvest. For the yoke of their burden, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. Authority rests upon his shoulders. He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader Let us hear what God's Spirit is saying to us.

All Thanks be to God!

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

Chant by David Hurd

Sung by the choir

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 100 Joy to the world! the Lord is come

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.

The Gospel Luke 2.1-14, *revised*

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

People



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!"

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus!

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ. ____

The Sermon

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

An Affirmation

Presider

Let us affirm our faith together:

People

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader

Father, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born as a child among us. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God

People

hear our prayer.

Leader

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. Holy God

People

hear our prayer.

Leader On this holy night Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. Holy God

People hear our prayer.

Leader 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. Holy God

People hear our prayer.

Leader 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. Holy God

People hear our prayer.

Leader On this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God

People hear our prayer.

Leader 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. Holy God

People hear our prayer.

Leader On this holy night Christians the world over celebrate his birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God

People hear our prayer.

Leader Now we offer our individual prayers, ending them with “**This is my prayer,**” to which we will all respond, “**Amen.**”

A period for individual prayers is observed.

Leader Let us pray:

People Father, On this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

*All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.
Please be seated.*

Welcome

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem Everywhere I Go Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Larry Shackley
Chancel Choir; Adam Caughey, soloist

*Ev'rywhere I go, ev'rywhere I go my Lord,
Ev'rywhere I go, somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus.*

*They turned away Mary and Joseph from the inn,
A baby born in Bethlehem.
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Born on a Christmas morning.
Wonderful counselor,
He's the mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
And He's the Prince of Peace.*

Please stand as able.

Presentation 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?

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

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*

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*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider

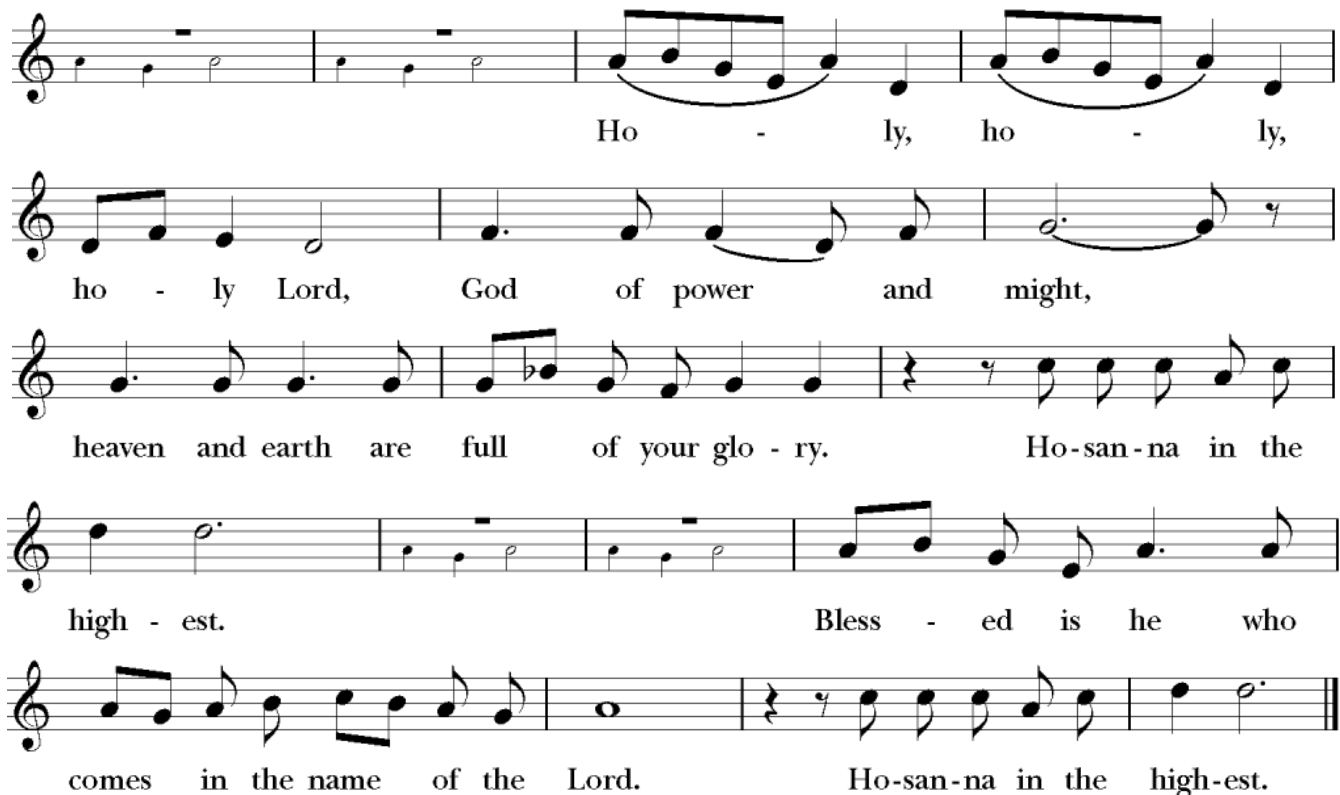
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to the Almighty Creator of heaven and earth.

Because on this night, you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

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. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus 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

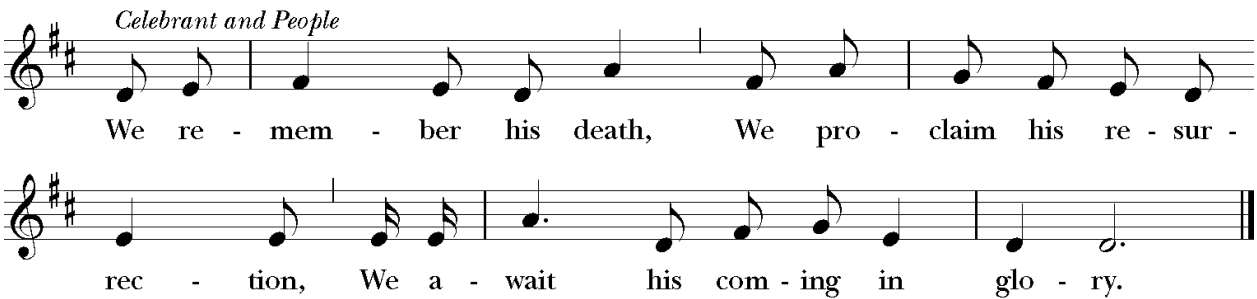
it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Memorial Acclamation

McNeil Robinson II

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

Amen

McNeil Robinson II



A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

Now, in the words Jesus taught us, we pray,

All

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

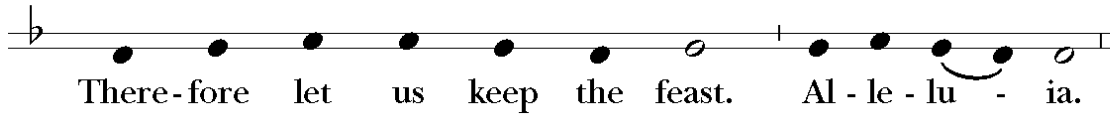
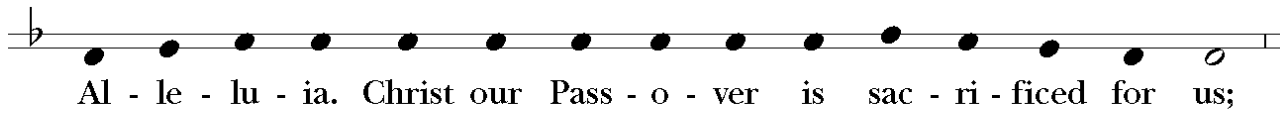
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

Ambrosian chant
adapt. Mason Martens



Invitation to Communion

Presider We, St. Mark's, recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all.

Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,

All All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

The Communion

Please gather one group at a time around the altar. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

Music During Communion

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella 17th Century French Carol, arr. Lawrence David Eden

Hymn 89 It came upon the midnight clear

Carol

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.
- 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing!
- 4 For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

How Far Is It To Bethlehem?

Traditional English, arranged by Stephen Paulus
Chancel Choir; Pam Lacey, soloist

*How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.
Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?
Can we see the little child, is he within?
If we lift the wooden latch may we go in?*

*May we stroke the creatures there, ox, ass, or sheep?
May we peep like them to see Jesus asleep?
If we touch his tiny hand will he awake?
Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?*

*Great kings have precious gifts, and we have naught,
Little smiles and little tears are all we have brought,
For all weary children Mary must weep.
Here on his bed of straw sleep, children, sleep.*

*God in his mother's arms, babes in the byre,
Sleep, as they sleep who find their heart's desire.*

Gesù Bambino

Words by Frederick H. Martens, Music by Pietro A. Yon
Charmian Crawford, soloist

*When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.*

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.*

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

In the Bleak Midwinter

Words by Christina Rossetti, Music by Harold Darke
Chancel Choir; Doris Summey & Jim Prunty, soloists

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.*

*Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim throngèd the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the belovèd with a kiss.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.*

Hymn 111 Silent night, holy night

Stille Nacht

- 1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Together, let us pray,

All Eternal God, heavenly Creator, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1 Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

*Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

The Blessing

Presider May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with now and forever.

People **Amen**

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

All **Christ is born in us! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude God rest you merry, gentlemen

Traditional English Carol
arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we frequently change the liturgy (the language we use during our worship service). Our goal is to use language that reflects our common effort to put into words our relationship with God. In order to keep the liturgy truly alive and life giving, we need your input. Please feel free to contact the clergy at any time to discuss the liturgy and how the words we say affect you.

Liturgy Source

Opening sentences, the Creed, the Prayers Of People, and the Blessing are from "Common Worship" The Church of England. The collect, the Eucharistic Prayer, the post communion prayer are from the Book of Common Prayer.

GREENING DECORATIONS

THE ADVENT WREATH was given to St. Mark's by Scilla Adams in loving memory of her father, Colonel Neil Ramsay. 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.

THE CHRISMONS on the trees in the baptistery were made and given to St. Mark's in 1970 by Jeanie Anderson and Alys Smith of Chapin SC, mother and godmother of Mary Anderson Cooper. The chrismons -- always made of white and gold materials -- represent symbols for the name, story and characteristics of Jesus Christ and are a traditional decoration in Lutheran churches worldwide.

THE GREENING at St. Mark's this year centered on the question, "How would a refugee decorate for Christmas?" Of course, many refugees aren't Christian. But the point was to step outside the hustle and bustle of the season to reflect on what our holiday traditions mean within the larger world. A bulletin board in the foyer encouraged people to reflect on the meaning of Christmas decorations for themselves and for people with much less.

We decided any money that would have gone to decorations would be used to help refugees instead, so nearly all of our material was reused or recycled. The lights, the stars and the candles are from greenings past. Our tree is a spare. The vases are borrowed. The branches, the greens, the pinecones were gathered from the side of the road or from discard piles. Our collage of the Madonna and Child is made of advertisements. Our garlands are made of old t-shirts and ribbon. Altogether, we spent less than \$50.

It took a lot of hard work to transform the nave without the usual budget. Many people of all ages participated in Sunday after Sunday of crafting and collecting. It is difficult to imagine how a refugee could even think about decorations in the midst of everything they must go through simply to stay safe. But there is a "Jesus tent" for the nativity in the refugee camp in Erbil, and refugees in Dohuq wrap green carpet around fencing to make a tree. When communities come together, they can achieve beautiful things.

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Parishioner contributions to the Festival Fund are given to the Glory of God in loving memory, in honor, and in thanksgiving of those whose names appear.

The Festival Fund provides support for the Christmas greens and flowers in the Nave and for music by the brass quintet.

In Loving Memory of

My son, Dr. William Martin by Gail Martin

Pat Harold by Michael Knipe & Rosemary Harold

Arthur L. and Emily H. Tolf by Janice Brown

Henry Burneson by Eric, Heather & Luke Burneson

Allen Perry Ewald by Linda & Bob Ewald

Judi Schweikert by Kristen & Justin Humphrey

Sally and Chuck Rumpf, Bob Reimann, Stella Howell by Richard Rumpf

Rosa Mae Waye, our loving mother and grandmother by Mitch & Shay Waye

My mother, Ruby Etta Long, and my brother, Paul Gene Long by Elizabeth Long

Eva Rokala by Rokala Family

Klara Temesvari by Priscilla Enner & Nate Olson

D. William Lee and Charles Freed by Bill Lee & Mary Freed

Annie Eudelle Parker and Theron Garner, Granny and Pappa by Annadora & Thesia Garner

Our parents, Jean and Bob Hansen and Marjoree and David Miller by Brock & Penny Hansen

William and Esther Eveleth and Daniel & Murial Kinnaly by Pete Eveleth

Henry Burneson, Winnie Mosher, David Evelyn, Vickie Street, Jim Adams by Marilu & Peter Sherer

Hunter M. Woodall, III by Jane Woodall & James Brooks

Henry and Gregory Burneson by Barbara Dreyer

Guy and Ruth Heichel, Harry Kneeder, Isabella Kneeder-Jones, Marty Jones, Bill Landeus, Lael Stegal by Ed & Lynn Kneeder

Edgar Eugene Steed and Susan Knowles Steed, my parents by James Steed

Edna and Joe by Edna Boone

Richard Vari by Al & Margaret Crenshaw

The Divines, Hunters, Lowes, Lawtons, and John Donne by Charles Divine

Susan Fuls, by Mary Louise Wagner & Kevin Billings

Pilot Officer William "Billy" Fiske by Kevin Billings and the 601 (County of London) Squadron R Aux AF
Bill and Agnes Dickinson, Charles Perry, Jr. by William & Linda Dickinson
Mrs. Winnie Mosher by Betty Foster
Nat and Mary Lou White by Nat White
Our parents by Betsy Athey & Frank Lloyd
Sara's parents, Anne and Stephen Franko by Sara, Mark, Jasper, & Robbie Barnett
My friends, Frances and Rudolph Polley by Eileen Blumenthal
Larkin Adelle Wilkinson by David & Stephanie Deutsch
Our mother, Cynthia Donnelly by Kitty & Hank Donnelly
My parents, Henrietta and Michael Latin by Patricia Latin
My birth mother, Minnie Reeks Maloney, my mother, Joan Audrey Maloney, and my father, John Dennis Maloney by Beryl Maloney-Lillaston



In Honor of

My children and grandchildren by Janice Brown
The Wednesday Bible Class which has been meeting over 30 years by Raiford Gaffney
Don and Cheryl Smith by Richard Rumpf
Our parents and grandparents, Bonnie and Charles Dondlinger and Dahre and Alvie Trissell
by Terri and David Trissell & Family
Kellie Waye, whose 15th birthday is December 24 by Mitch & Shay Waye
Kate Billings and her family by Shaw/Shroyer Family
Belonging Class by Bill & Cecilie Jones
Laura Perry and Lilly March by William & Linda Dickinson
The love and support of my Manciple by Doris & Jack Burton
Connie Fitz by Kitty & Hank Donnelly
Justi Schunior and Andrew Baisch by Josie & Bill Jordan
Rose Dickens, Verna Dozier and Margareta Trusheim by Beryl Maloney-Lillaston
Lilly March who I have known and loved since 1954 when she came to St. Mark's by Elizabeth Long
Miles, my godson by Janet Vail

In Thanksgiving for

Catherine Andreycak (my sister) by Jane Byrne

My children and grandchildren by Janice Brown

St Mark's Clergy and Staff by Michael Knipe & Rosemary Harold

St Mark's Clergy and Staff by Raiford Gaffney

Music Program at St Mark's by Christina & Christopher Herman

Lee Rumpf Christy Rumpf and Linda Flores by Richard Rumpf

Wally Sedgewick by John & Susan Sedgewick

Our grandchildren by Ellen Frost & Don Pederson

Linda Ewald and all the caregivers who gave me so much support and Margie Ware for her wonderful medical help by Elizabeth Long

Caroline McReynolds Adams by Shaw/Shroyer Family

For blessings received by Doris Summey

Our daughters, Alice, Laura, Kris and Beth by Arnold & Lillian Taylor

Our children, Brooke and Matt, and their families by David & Gretchen Willson

My wife by William Flanders

Clint, Kate, and Alice Billings by Mary Louise Wagner & Kevin Billings

St Mark's community by The Bayless Family

Jesus' Birth, His Life, and for the love of family & friends through the year! by The Schmidle Family

My husband by Maureen Shea

My daughters by Kit Arrington

Lilly Zimmerman, our granddaughter by William & Linda Dickinson

The ministry of Michele, Justi, and the people of St Mark's by Susan Flanders

Jamie and Deena, Jill, Dave, Sadie & Ellery by Susan Ryerson

Joey, Elsa, and Aashvi by Betsy Athey & Frank Lloyd

The birth of our newest grandson, William David Deutsch by David & Stephanie Deutsch

Life by Penny Farley

Maya and Josha Jordan by Josie & Bill Jordan

Judith Smith-Spouse by Pat Latin

My cousin, Susan Catton by Beryl Maloney-Lillaston

St Mark's by Mary Welker

St Mark's by Frances Mckay

The generous gift from Bert Cooper, and the skill and hard work by Olivier and James, who brought our stained glass back to life... by Doris & Jack Burton



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Gladys Anderson (*Matt Patton's grandmother*) • Grace Aspinall • Federica Barrow •
Alishia Daugherty Bauman (*Kristen Deutsch's cousin, Stephanie and David Deutsch's daughter-in-law*) •
Pamela Blumgart • Janice Brown • Lynda Bugge •
Sylvie Kalas Braddock (*Barbara Nelson's granddaughter*) •
Anne Carter (*Justi Schunior's mother*) • Joya Cox • Deborah Cunningham •
Andrew Earnest (*Lynda Bugge's grandson*) •
Taylor Emerson (*Randy Marks' niece*) • Mr. and Mrs. David Glaze (*of Boulder CO*) •
Dave Haglund • Celia Hahn • Rick Hayes •
Alice Kistler (*Kathryn Powers' sister*) • Dennis Lewis • Elizabeth Long •
Lilly March • Nat Marks • Lila Marks •
Lina Marks (*Randy Marks' mother*) • Jane Miller • Barbara Nelson •
Leslie F. Nickerson (*Frank Nickerson's father and Amelia Nickerson's grandfather*) •
Randell Prothro • Marilyn Stiles • Arnold Taylor •



THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Vincent Alcazar (*Parishioner*)
Clint Billings (*son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner*)
P. J. Boehm (*brother of Rachel Boehm*)
Preston Brooks (*Parishioner*)
Stephen Dannenmaier (*brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier*)
Jason Earnest (*son of Erika Bugge, grandson of Lynda Smith-Bugge*)
Kurt Hansen (*nephew of Brock and Penny Hansen*)
Weston Zarek (*son of Tom Zarek*)



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St. John's Church, Mt. Rainier
St. John's Church, Georgetown
St. John's Church, Lafayette Square and Iglesia San Juan
St. John's Church, Norwood
St. John's Church, Olney
St. John's Episcopal School, Olney
St. John's Preschool, Washington, DC

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Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, office directory, and information about upcoming events and classes at St. Mark's.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.

Go in peace and return often!

After completing, please tear off this page and place in offering plate or give to greeter:

(please print)

I attended:

- 9 am Holy Eucharist
- 10 am Sermon Seminar
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist
- 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist
- Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

Name _____

Email _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- Baptism (child, adult)
- Getting married at St. Mark's
- Music (choir, lessons)
- Children/youth classes & programs
- Adult classes
- Senior programs/activities
- Outreach/community service
- Environmental issues
- Yoga classes
- Dance classes
- St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson?

- Yes
- No