



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

First Sunday in Advent

Nov. 30, 2014

**A Service of Lessons and Carols
and
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so that all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices with audible alarms should be turned off prior to the service.

**THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP
THE REV. JESSE PERKINS, RECTOR
THE REV. AMBER CARSWELL, CURATE**

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a **Welcome** card and place it in the offering plate. St. Mark's is a traditional church for contemporary people and we believe that God's love is for everyone. This is an open-minded congregation where we actively seek, question and wonder about our faith. We also believe that we are the hands of Christ, and mission work within our community is a vital part of what we do here.

AN OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive communion here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know when you are at the altar rail. You are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able to receive the bread. You may drink from the cup or take the wine by "intinction," or dipping the wafer into the cup. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Children's Chapel is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 7 in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Sanctuary during the processional hymn and will return from Chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Children's Chapel is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children in kindergarten through high school meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m.

NURSERY SERVICES

The nursery is located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Nursery is provided for children birth through age 3. Nursery hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The friendly, two-room nursery suite is staffed by a wonderful group of compassionate caregivers who are church members and mothers, too!

RESTROOMS

Are located in the Sanctuary Foyer, through the Parish Offices door, on the right-hand side.

COFFEE BAR

In between the services, enjoy a cup of coffee at our coffee bar, located in the front left corner of the Narthex. Additional church information about our ministries and upcoming events can be found there as well.

OUR SERVICES

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)

Compline Service at 7:30 p.m. Sundays (Nave)

Healing Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays (John Roberts Chapel)

JOINING

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's, please let us know on the Welcome Card

THE WORD OF GOD

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

Opening Voluntary

Processional Hymn *All sing refrain, verses sung by the choir*

Advent Processional

Walter Pearson

O come, O come E - man - u - el and ran - som cap - tive

Is - ra - el. Re-joice! re-joice E - man - u - el, shall come to thee. O Is - ra - el.

Advent Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of the God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against Him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

Silence

The people are seated

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

In which paradise is lost

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of 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 trees of the garden. 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?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Silence follows the reading

ANTHEM

Sung by the choir

Adam Lay Ybounden

Carson Cooman

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond, Four thousand winter thought he not too long; And all was for an apple, and apple that he took, As clerkes finden writen, writen in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, Ne had

never Our Lady Abeen hevene Queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was:
Therefore we moun singen Deo Gratias!

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-11

God comforts his people on calls on them to prepare for redemption

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

HYMN 67

Sung by all, standing

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

The people are seated.

THIRD LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

ANTHEM*played by the Handbell choir**Let all mortal flesh keep silence**Picardy, arr. Wagner***FOURTH LESSON**

Isaiah 35: 1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

ANTHEM*sung by the choir**Advent Carol*

Alfred Fedak

Desert, blossom as a Rose Rising, radiant as it grows, All arrayed in crimson show;
Come to us, O God of Hope. Thirsty land, become a stream, Flowing fountain,
calm, serene. Clear cascade from heaven above; Come to us, O God of Love.
Weakened hands, be now made strong; Silent tongues, break forth in song; Blinded
eyes, your sight employ; Come to us, O God of Joy. Soon a pathway shall be found,
For the faithful, Holy Ground; Safe from angry, warring beast, Come to us, O God
of Peace. Sing God's praise, Jerusalem; Hope, joy, love, and peace shall come;
Sorrow, sighing now dispel; Come to us, Emmanuel. King of Glory, Soul of Bliss,
Everlasting life is this: Thee to know, thy power to prove, Thus to sing, and thus to
love! Alleluia.

FIFTH LESSON

Baruch 4: 36--5: 9

The scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand

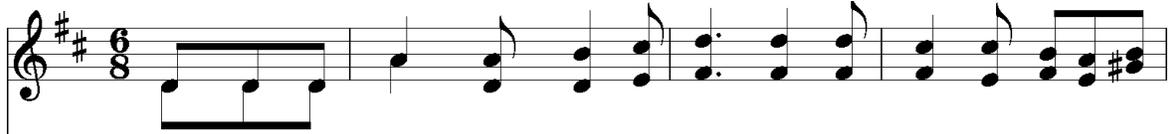
Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

HYMN

sung by all, standing

People, look east

Besañon



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



The people are seated.

SIXTH LESSON

Isaiah 7: 10-15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us"

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."

ANTHEM

played by the handbell choir

O come, o come Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

SEVENTH LESSON

Micah 5: 2-4

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule 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 labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred 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 live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

HYMN 78

Sung by all, standing

O little town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

The people are seated

EIGHTH LESSON

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over

you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

ANTHEM

sung by the choir

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing

J. S. Bach

Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing; She wakes, she rises from her gloom; For her Lord comes down all glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her Star is risen, her Light is come. Ah come, Thou blessèd One, God's own belovèd Son: Alleluia! We follow till the halls we see Where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

NINTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

HYMN 265

Sung by all, standing

The Angel Gabriel

Gabriel's message

PRAYER

Officiant: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

People: **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

Leader: Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

People: **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.**

Leader: We wait for thy loving-kindness, O Lord.

People: **In the midst of thy temple.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

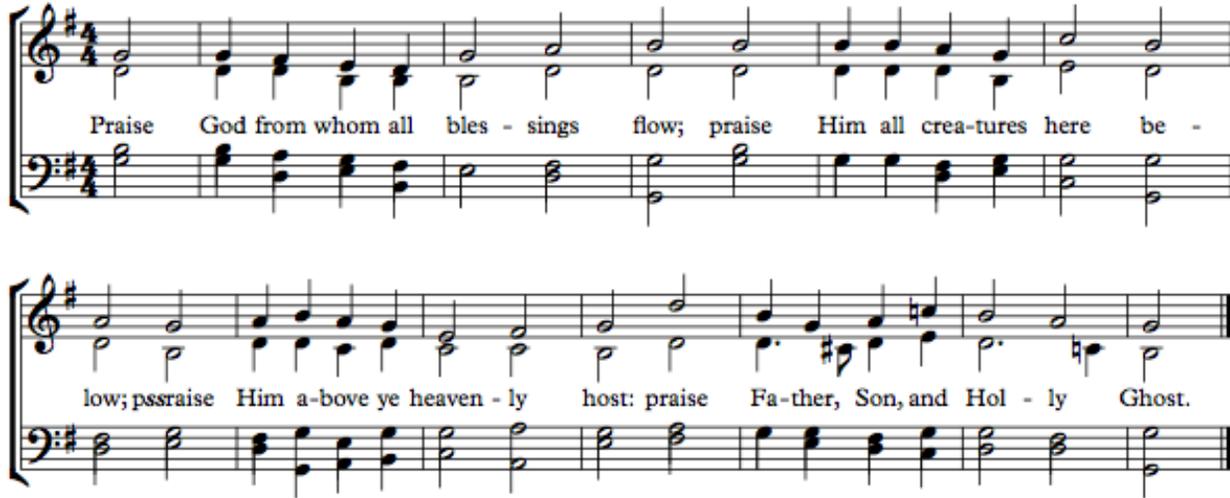
'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime
St. Mark's Handbell Choir

Wagner

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Doxology

Old 100th



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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER C

BCP 369

The Celebrant faces the people and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant 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.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant 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.

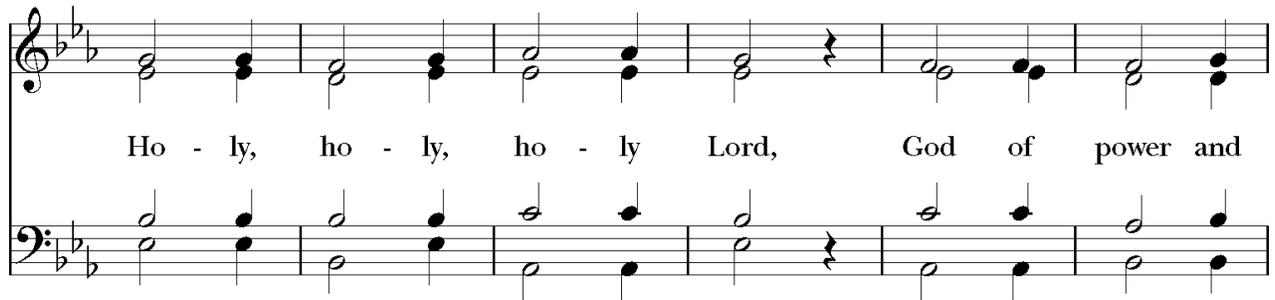
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant 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.

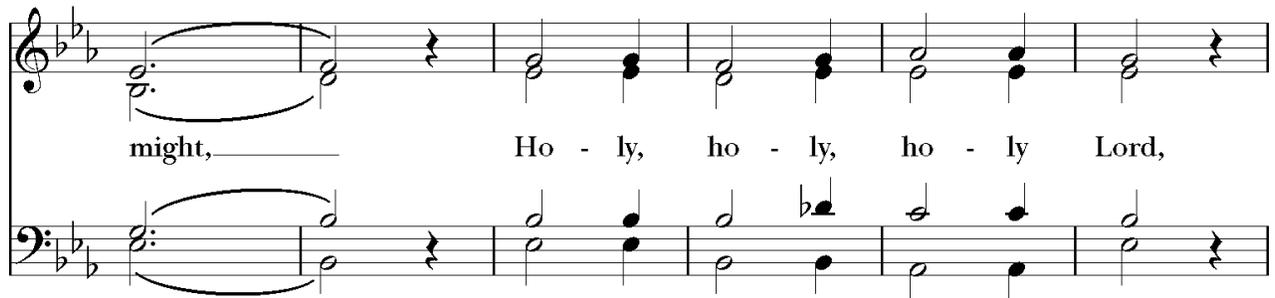
People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant 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:

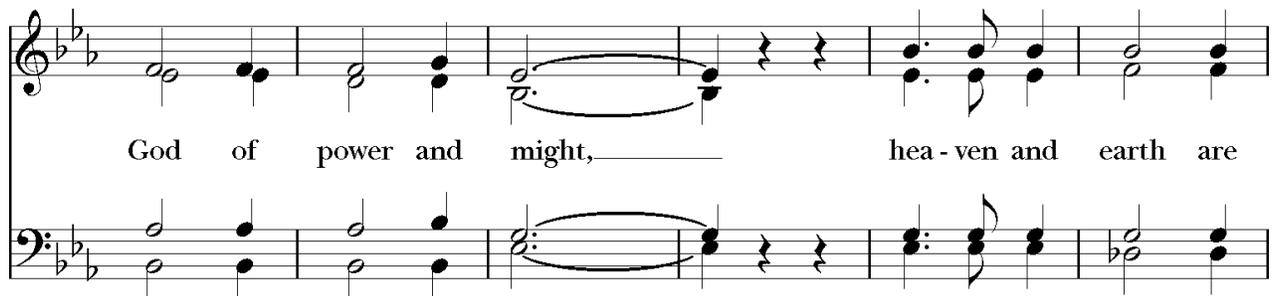
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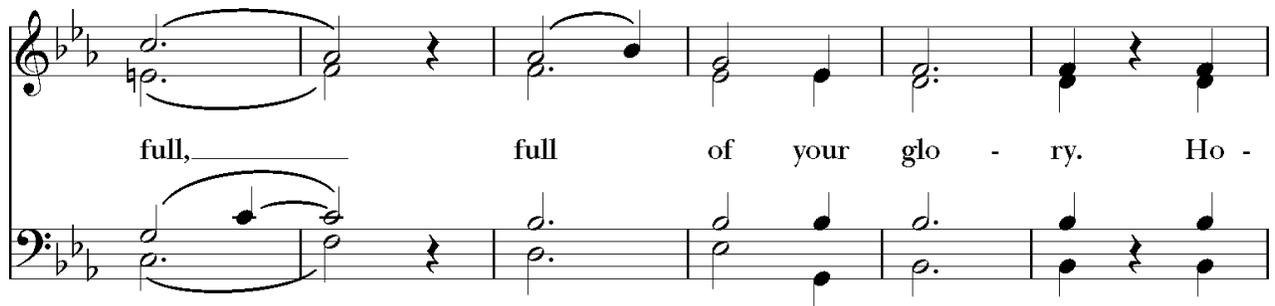
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



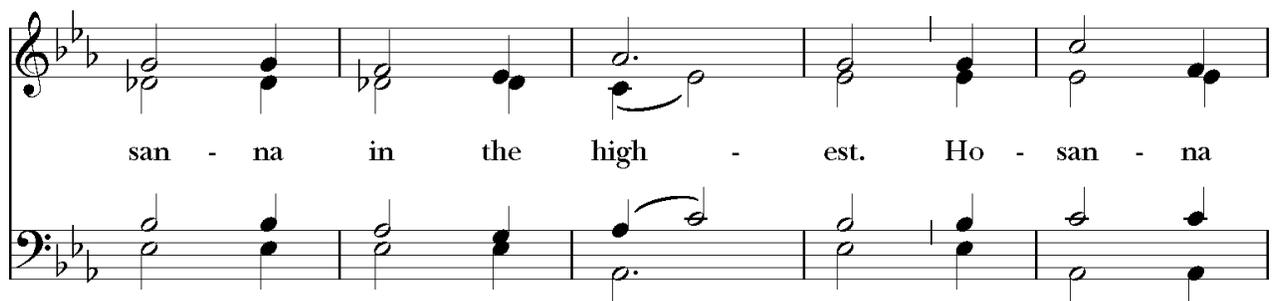
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob; God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand 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.

People: **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.**

Celebrant

And now as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All

Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. At the invitation of the ushers, please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.

HYMN 336
HYMN 333

Come with us, O blessed Jesus
Now, the silence

Werde munter
Now

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Celebrant

HYMN 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rector: The Rev. Jesse Perkins

Curate: The Rev. Amber Carswell

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Hinck and Jo Ann Steed

Lectors: Larry Hinck and Donald Mankin

Intercessor: Jim McInturff

Ushers: Larry Hinck, Mike Cobb, Mike Walden, & Phillip Tew

Vergers: Katie Cole and Deb McInturff

Acolytes: Maggie Ferguson, Emma Sairls, Kaylee and Celeste Robinette

Eucharistic Visitor: Claire Nix

Greeters: Bill and Marilyn Brown, Gary & Rose Mary Latanich

Children's Chapel: No Children's Chapel today

Vestry Counters: Darren Moore, Jeanette Lamberth, Johnny Stayton

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today** 9:00 Fifth Sunday Breakfast
 10:00 Advent Lessons and Carols
 7:30 Compline, St. Mark's Nave
- Tue**
- Wed** 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs**
- Friday**
- Saturday** 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team #3

SAVE THE DATE

- Dec 13 ECW Christmas Brunch
- Dec 14 Coffee with the Rector
Potluck Luncheon
- Dec 15 Day School Christmas Program
Vestry Meeting
- Dec 18 Men's Club
- Dec 21 Christmas Pageant
- Dec 24 5:30 and 10:30 Christmas Eve Masses

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| 11/30 Deb McInnturff | 12/02 Joe Murphy, Sr. |
| 12/01 Bob Robinson | 12/03 Bill Smith |
| 12/01 Eli Bohn | 12/03 Ryan Steed |
| 12/02 Rosemary Koontz | 12/04 Greg Smith |

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Elections

Our annual vestry election will be on Jan. 18, and we are looking for seven or eight candidates to run for election. We will elect four new vestry members to serve a three-year term and one member to fill a vacancy. If you are interested or willing to serve, please contact Father Jesse at rector@stmarksjonesboro.org.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry

In addition to \$175 donated to Helping Neighbors last week, we had 53 lbs. of food. In addition, Darren Moore took 579 lbs. of rice from Riceland Foods to the pantry. Thanks...keep up the great work.

Class: Episcopal Church 101

Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Want to learn more about our history, doctrine and worship? This is the class for you. We meet at 9 a.m. for three weeks starting Sunday, Nov. 30. It is perfect for those considering Confirmation in the spring and those who just want to know more about St. Mark's. We will meet in the Parish Hall.

Christian Education

There will be no Christian Education Nov. 26 for the holidays.

Poinsettias, Wreaths, and Helping Neighbors Food Pantry

If you wish to donate poinsettias, wreaths, or money to the food pantry, please sign the sheet on the table in the Narthex. Poinsettias are \$20, wreaths are \$30, and donations to Helping Neighbors are \$20. Please indicate on your check's memo line which you are purchasing. Thanks!

WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Attendance
Offering 11/16/14	\$ 5,651	\$ 242,140	\$244,479	Last Week 174
Needed	<u>5,409</u>	<u>244,875</u>	<u>254,784</u>	2014 Average 137
Difference	\$ 242	\$ (2,735)	(\$ 10,305)	2013 Average 119
Current Cash	\$5,957			
Outstanding bills	-\$6,243		Loan Balance	\$ 175,453

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Stephanie Matthews, Kirsten Penley	

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