



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2021

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.

REV. KATHERINE WREN, CELEBRANT
THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 98

Unto us a boy is born

puer nobis nascitur



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and
3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in
4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to
*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the
2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that
3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at
4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -
5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.
2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.
3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - ry.
4 to the joys a - bove _____ us.
5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT The First Sunday After Christmas

BCP 214

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84 *Quam dilecta!*

Read in unison

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

SECOND LESSON A Reading from Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not

cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John .

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Celebrant and People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the
Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for
the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Larry, our Bishop, and Jon, Katherine and Matthew, our seminarians; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:

Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lully Lullay, thou little tiny child by by, lully, lullay. Lully lullay, thou little tiny child, by by lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day this poor youngling, for whom we sing. By by lully, lullay.

Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day his men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee, and ever mourn and say, for thy parting neither say nor sing, by by lully lullay!

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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.

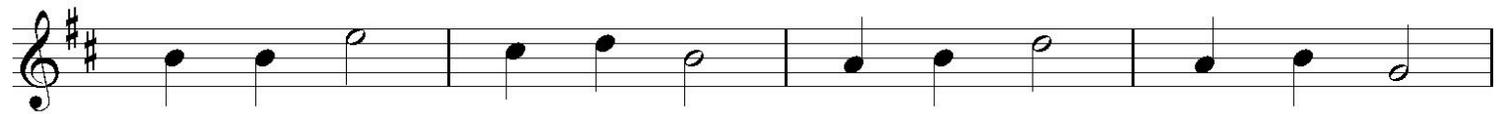
BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



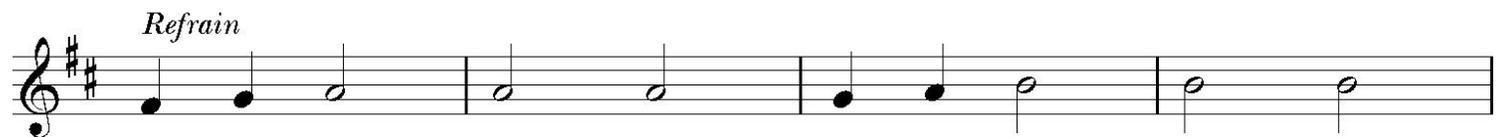
1 On this day earth shall ring
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth;
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head,
 4 On this day an - gels sing;



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



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



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



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

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

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The Rev. Katherine Wren
Musicians: Rhonda Dauer and Crystal Kachevas
Lector: Danny Kee



Online giving is available by scanning here, using the Tithe.ly mobile app, or going to <http://give.stmarksjonesboro.org>.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Reneilia Hampton	Linda Cobb
Robin Dauer	Ashlyn Holland- Moore
Dennis Zolper	Greta Grace Troutt

Anniversaries

Two Saints' Kitchen



Two Saints Kitchen: Last week: Team 9 served baked ham, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans and rolls to go. There were extra food items that we let clients take home. 19 meals were served. Remainder was donated to the Reclamation House. We thank Kroger for their donations.

Please let people know that we serve lunch every Saturday at Two Saints' Kitchen.



All Kroger Shoppers : Donating to Two Saints' Kitchen Inc. through your Kroger App. cost you nothing! Kroger donates to an organization of your choice, through their Community Rewards program. If you have a Kroger card and use the app or have an account please add our Two Saints' Kitchen to your Community Rewards Program. From the home page go to the three lines at the upper left of the page and select Rewards and then select Community Rewards. Type In Two Saints' Kitchen Inc . Each quarter of the year, Kroger will send this program a donation check. This does not cost you money, and it does not impact your Kroger Points, but it does help our program feed people who are food insecure. Every little bit helps! Also, pass on this information to your friends and family!



Two Saints' Kitchen is still serving the community during the pandemic: Two Saints Kitchen has had to change the way that they serve meals on Saturdays during the pandemic, they now serve food to go from the wrought iron gates. This has presented some challenges and new needs for them. Richard Owens has communicated with the church on some items that you could give and will help out. Dana has a box set up on the coffee hour bar where you may drop off your donation, a mask is required to enter the building.

Items for donation: bottle water, variety packs of individual chips, knife/fork/spoon packs found in take out meals, general purpose spray cleaners, liquid dish soap, dishwasher tabs, paper towels, extra large black trash bags, Plastic t-shirt bags, take out containers, and two thermometers for the freezers.

Your donation will always be much appreciated! You may also make a monetary donation to Two Saints Kitchen. ***Make a memo on your check or make a note if you give through Tithe.ly***. Two Saints' is honored to help provide food to so many during this time and we are grateful to Kroger for providing food to our program. Volunteers are always needed: email the church and we will find you a spot at Two Saints' Kitchen! - Thank you, Richard Owens, Two Saints' Co- Director



Forward Day by Day devotionals for Nov./Dec. 2020 - Jan. 2021 are now available. You may pick one up from the basket on the table immediately to the left when you enter through the double red doors. You may leave your \$1.00 donation in the basket.



Helping Neighbors:

We can always use volunteers! We open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. We are in need of relief people for the scales, a card person on Thursday afternoon and runners every day as well as people to go out to the cars and fill out the service slips. If you can volunteer text Gary Latanich at 870-926-5476. Thank you.

FYI Prayer List and Announcements: All through these past months our own chapter of Daughters of the King has continued to pray for St. Mark's, and for those who are on our prayer list. If you have someone that you would like to add to our church prayer list,

you may contact Dana at secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org and she will be happy to add your prayer request to our list. Also, if you would like to include an announcement or a praise in the weekly announcements, you may email Dana and she will post your announcement.

Dear Friends in Christ,

What an extraordinary and challenging year 2020 has been! The pandemic and resulting imposed restrictions on meeting as a congregation has forced us to find new ways of worshiping and being a faith community.

That also has necessitated a new way of conducting a Fall Stewardship Campaign. The traditional approaches for a campaign (Every Member Canvas and/or a Celebration Dinner) simply are not feasible.

Yet, the ministries of St. Mark's go on to our parish community and the community at large. Their success relies on your generous contributions – even more so in these difficult times. As a result, we will be counting on each of you to respond faithfully to this simple appeal.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your 2021 pledge so that the Vestry can prepare an accurate budget for the coming year. You may pledge by clicking [here](#) or on the link below. If you prefer to complete a pledge card, you may contact Dana Moses (932-2124) in the Church office.

There will also be a basket on the front table to the left when you enter the church with pledge cards and envelopes. You may fill one out and slide it under the church office door. Be sure to write: Pledge on the front of the envelope. A mask is required to enter the building.

Thank you for your faithful support for the ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Sincerely,

Andy Peeler, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee

Tom Haynes, Senior Warden

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