

Prelude: Piano Duet

Opening Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me. I'm gonna let it shine (3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
People **And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

#### *COLLECT FOR PURITY*

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.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy

#### *THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*

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 LESSON (Please be Seated)*

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
    you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
    no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
    who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
    those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
    because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
    and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
    and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
    or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
    and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
    we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
    we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
    and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.  
    The Word of the Lord.  
    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
    shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
    stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
    show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
    how long will you be angered  
    despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
    you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
    and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
    show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.  
17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL (Please Stand as You Are Able) Mark 13:24-37**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Intergenerational Craft**

**Prayers of the People Advent I**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Creator of the stars in the sky, the sun, and the moon, You are the light by which we wake and work.

**Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

Surround your church, her leaders, and people, with your armor of light. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Anne, our Bishop, and Fr. RJ, our Priest. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope. Open their hearts to your will.

**Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

For people across the world, whose spirits bend under the yoke of oppression and struggle, give the people of this community a sense of togetherness and support. Open our eyes to those who fall by the wayside and whose faces and needs remain invisible.

**Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

Lover of our souls, you continue to mold us in your image and hold us in your hands. WE ask your blessing on those who struggle with illness, anxiety, grief, or isolation.

Today we pray for Vonda, Henry, Jim, Jane, and Ron.

**Illumine our darkness and keep us alert.**

Father of all, we pray for those who have recently returned to your embrace and those who are broken with grief.

*Silence*

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

**THE PEACE**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Please remain in your place and greet one another with a non-contact greeting.*

**PARISH NOTICES (Please be Seated)**

## *PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## *PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES*

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, we thank you for those among us whose lives together are a sign of Christ's love to the world, and we thank you especially this day for those who are celebrating their anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

### *The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A*

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.**

The celebrant adds a proper preface

### *The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

S-130.....Franz Schubert

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (x2)***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. (x2)***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. (x2)***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

#### *THE 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*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### *PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION*

*To Be Said By Those Online and Other Choosing Not to Receive the Sacrament*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I pray that You come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. Amen.

## COMMUNION

### *POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior 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.**

## BLESSING

Closing Hymn: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home (page 8)

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

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, — Com-ing for to car - ry me home.

Fine

Swing - low, sweet char - i - ot, — Com-ing for to car - ry me home.

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see —
2. If you get — there be - fore I do, —
3. The bright - est day that ev - er I saw —
4. I'm some - times up and some - times down. —

1. Com-ing for to car - ry me home.
2. Com-ing for to car - ry me home.
3. Com-ing for to car - ry me home.
4. Com-ing for to car - ry me home.

A band — of an - gels  
 Tell all — my friends I'm  
 When Je - sus wash'd my  
 But still — my soul feels

D.C.

1. com-ing af - ter me, —
2. com - ing too, —
3. sins a - way, —
4. heaven - ly bound, —

Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O.  
 Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O.  
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# St. Mark's New Improved Fire Panel

The new panel on the right doesn't look much different. But after several months of negotiations, mechanical drawings, building permits and over \$10,000 we have a new improved fire alarm panel. After many years of dedicated service the old panel required frequent expensive house calls for technical support. A special thank you to Fr. RJ, the finance committee, and the buildings and grounds team for working through this process.



Now the finance committee has an opportunity for the entire parish to get involved in this significant mandatory capital improvement to our worship home. The finance committee has an initial \$3,000 donation from a family towards the panel cost. We understand at this time of year you receive many requests for financial support from the church and other organizations.

Please consider a special donation to St. Mark's to help defer the unexpected expense of a new fire panel. Please note **Fire Panel** on any contributions.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration,  
St. Mark's Finance Committee

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 6:  
Evening Prayer, Zoom, at 4  
p.m.  
Vestry, 6 p.m.

## December Birthdays

2 Dave Thorley  
10 Kathy Wise  
12 Al Korosi, Pam McCarthy  
14 Gary Mull  
16 Patrick Watters  
24 John Wise  
25 Christy Thorley  
27 Marilyn Thorp  
29 Rebecca Watters



## December Anniversaries

13 Wayne and Sandy Paradis  
27 Rick and Julie Werren  
29 Barrie and Marilyn Thorp

## Servers this Sunday, December 3:

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Paul Sack  
Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Bruce Schutrum, Pam McCarthy  
Acolyte: Karen Violand  
Ushers: Kent Clark, Gene Little  
Altar Guild: Cindy Brown, Kathy Sloan, Sara Strattan

## Servers next Sunday, December 10:

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Diana Cornell  
Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Tom Turner, Carol Hayn  
Acolyte: Karen Violand  
Ushers: John Willoughby, Gary Mull  
Altar Guild: Cindy Brown, Kathy Sloan, Sara Strattan

## Altar Flower Dedication:

Happy Birthday to Cody Popovich – Love Grandma Carol

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, & Ron Brookes

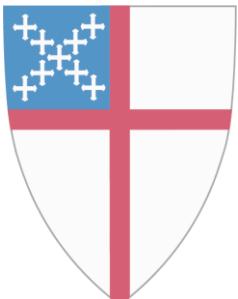
**Family and Friends:** Kirk Schuring, Pam Lagodich, & Bill Allen (friends of the Mulls); Earl Hoot (father of Joe Hoot); Chuck Boone (cousin of Bruce Hixon), Ashley Stockman (friend of Katie & Ryan Kuceyeski); Tim Swihart & Michelle Graber (friends of the Gordons); Larry Aclaska & Judy Heisser-Turner (acquaintance & sister of Bert Heisser); Lee, Theresa, & Addelyn, and Chuck Boone (friends & cousin of the Hixons); Nori Shawk (friend of Brynn Pelger); Heidi Hoekstra (friend of Father RJ); Tracey Davy, Alison, & Johnny Willoughby (friends & grandson of the Willoughbys); Middle East & Heather Armington (request & friend of the Watters); Jane King; Elaine Campbell (friend of the Turners); Sammy (friend of Leslie Redmon); Bob Rownd (friend of John Werren & Anne Coen); Melanie & Trish (friends of Paulette Frech); Pat Walter & family (friend of Barb Whitehouse); Don Martin & Mark Osterhage (classmate & neighbor of the Watters); Alycia Geis (Karen Violand's friend's daughter); Don & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan (husband & sister of Barb Siegfried); DaNay Jackson (friend of Ron Brookes); Allison Cornell-Hood, Jody Serentsis, & Anne Higgins (daughter & friends of Diane Cornell); Finnigan Savage (friend of Pam McCarthy); Lynnda Hoefler & Jimmy Little (friend & son of Sue Little); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Tony Donahue (friend of the Boyds); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (acquaintance of the Nadels).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

### Prayer Chain

*St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at [ggordon24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net) Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.*



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