

Holy Eucharist
Second Sunday after Christmas
January 5, 2025 at 8:00 am and 10:00 am



WE SEEK TO UNITE ALL PEOPLE WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE.

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE: Medley of Today's Hymns

Choral Call to Worship: Seek the Lord (S-217:1,2,3)

Processional Hymn 93: Angels From the Realms..... **Regent Square**

OPENING ACCLAMATION **BCP, p. 355**

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

People **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.*

GLORIA: S-278 **BCP, p 356**

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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.*

FIRST READING:..... 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM..... Psalm 84

- 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.

Solo: The Gate of the Year..... Haskins/Woodman
Ken Jaeb, baritone

SECOND READING 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 124: What Star Is This?..... **Puer Nobis**

GOSPEL: **Matthew 2:1-12**

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

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON..... Fr. RJ

THE NICENE CREED BCP, p 358

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III..... BCP, p 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Anne, Ten, Vonda,
Jim, Jane, and Ron;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION BCP, p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE BCP, p. 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS BCP, p. 830

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.*

Offertory Anthem: Wondering..... Heath/Marshall
Come, sweet season of the Wonder
Handbell Obligato: Louise Moore, Karen Violand

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING The Doxology (Hymn 380, St 3)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A.....BCP, p. 361

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.**

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

The Celebrant adds a preface and then proceeds:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S-130 Franz Schubert

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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:

**(sung) 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 forever. **AMEN. (X3 Sung)**

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S-164 Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace

COMMUNION:

All baptized persons are welcome to take communion.

Please let the Priest know if you would prefer a gluten free wafer.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

To Be Said By Those Online and Others 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

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

Recessional Hymn 127: Earth Has Many A Noble City..... Stuttgart

As the candles are extinguished the people sing:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Bob's Music Notes

"Angels From the Realms" is the best-known work of Scottish poet James Montgomery with the tune Regent Square, also the best-known work of British organist Henry Smart. Preacher Fosdick ("God of Grace and God of Glory") wanted this tune for his text and when the 1935 Methodist Hymnal published it with Cwm Rhondda he was outraged.



"What Star Is This?" was authored by Coffin, b. 1676, rector of the University of Paris and translated by Anglican Chandler. The attractive tune comes from the 15th C.

"Earth Has Many A Noble City" started life in 405 AD with Prudentius, a Roman governor with a translation by Caswall who converted to Roman Catholicism under the influence of Cardinal Newman. "Stuttgart" is all quarter notes - moves along quickly - with only two half notes to break the pattern.

Anthem writer Harold Heath Jr is a free-lance British author whose poem speaks of a Holy Vision present at significant seasons of the year such as Christmas and Epiphany with music by Jane Manton Mashall, much-honored composer and music theory teacher at SMU, recently deceased at age 94. Her 1957 anthem "Awake, My Heart" won an AGO prize and was a pioneer in employing a jazz flavor.

Ken's solo was written by Minnie Haskins in 1908. Future Queen Elizabeth II at age 13 found the poem and gave it to her father who read it to the UK in a 1939 radio address which assured its popularity.

Volunteer today to become a greeter for your St. Mark's Family!

There's a new GREETER sign up sheet on the kiosk just waiting for you to be willing to welcome your fellow parishioners, prior to the 10 o'clock service.

Thank you,

MaryAnn Kiesling

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 8

4pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

Monday, January 13

1 pm- Knitting, Family Room

3 pm- Book Club

Wednesday, January 15

4 pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

Wednesday, January 22

4pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Sara Strattan

4 Livvy Mull

6 John Willoughby

8 Rick Crowl

10 Debbie Shellhammer

16 Tasha Smith

18 Julie Werren

25 Barrie Thorp

Ten Gall

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3 Jan Hudson

16 Mark and Kim Nadel

24 Fred and Roberta Zollinger



Servers this Sunday, January 5:

Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Paul Sack

10 am: Bruce Schutrum, Carol Hayn

Acolyte: Colin Jenkins, Patrick Wilson

Ushers: John Willoughby, Kent Clark

Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Karen Violand

Servers next Sunday, January 12:

Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Diana Cornell

10 am: Derek Gordon, Pam McCarthy

Lector: Kent Clark

Ushers: Bill Rand, Derek Gordon

Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Karen Violand



PRAYER CONCERNS

Have compassion on: Anne Coen, Ten Gall, Vonda Temelkoff, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Brooks, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

For those who have died: Johnny Willoughby

Family & Friends: **The Willoughby Family** + **Baby Ulysses** (MaryAnn Kiesling's 2nd cousin's grandson) + **Linda Young** (Marcia Kiesling's mother) + **Kimberly Nugent** (daughter of the Thorps) + **Craig Kerner** (Mandy Pelger's father) + **Grossschmidt family** (friends of the Nadels) + **Father Jon Coventry** (Trinity Episcopal Church - Alliance) + Jimmy Little (son of Sue Little) + **Greg, Debbie, & Victoria Swinehart and Richard Flohr** (family of Frances Swinehart) + **Patti & Jack Freeder and Kim Milinkovich** (former members of St. Marks) + **Alison** (friend of the Willoughbys) + **Jane McBride** (mother of Beth Crowl) + **Tom** (brother-in-law of AnJane McConville) + **Barb, Gail, & Jody Shumway** (friend, sister-in-law, & co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter) + **Dr. Mallamaci** (acquaintance of Bobbi Zollinger) + **Jolonda Mull & Pam Lagodich** (sister-in-law & friend of the Mulls) + **Earl Hoot** (father of Joe Hoot) + **Scott Jones, Val Hiner-Donlon, Rick Ciminelli, Harold Freedman, & Tim Swihart** (cousin & friend of the Gordons) + **Larry Aclaska & Judy Heisser-Turner** (acquaintance & sister of Bert Heisser) + **Lee, Theresa, & Chuck Boone** (friends & cousin of the Hixons) + **Lucas Anderson & family and Clarice Lough** (friends of the Watters) + **Elaine Campbell** (friend of the Turners) + **Melanie & Trish** (friends of Paulette Frech) + **Pat Walter & family** (friend of Barb Whitehouse) + **Alycia Geis** (Karen Violand's friend's daughter) + **Don Siegfried, Janet Sheatzley-Morgan, & Erin Siegfried** (husband, sister of Barb, & daughter-in-law) + **Allison Cornell-Hood & Anne Higgins** (daughter & friend of Diane Cornell) + **Lucas Anderson** + **Finnigan Savage** (friend of Pam McCarthy) + **Tony Donahue** (friend of the Boyds) + **David** (acquaintance of the Nadels) + **Anne Coen** + **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 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 on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.



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