

*Church is not a place; it is who we are. Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 13, 2020

To gather together in worship, please use the worship links at [stmarkcp.org](http://stmarkcp.org)  
or our Facebook page "St. Mark CP".

*All words for music will be in the Worship video.*

*\* denotes additional resources not used in worship*

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING SONG

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *ELW* #257 v.5,6

#### INVOCATION

#### CANDLE LIGHTING

#### HYMN

"Light one Candle to Watch for Messiah" *ELW* #240 v.3

#### CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\dagger$  one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.  
Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess  
that we have not lived as God desires.

Loving and forgiving God,

**C: we confess that we are held captive by sin.**

**In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.**

**We have not welcomed the stranger;  
we have not loved our neighbor;  
we have not been Christ to one another.  
Restore us, O God.**

**Wake us up and turn us from our sin.**

**Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

L: People of God, hear this glad news:  
by God's endless grace  
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—  
free from all that holds you back

and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.  
May you be strengthened in God's love,  
    + comforted by Christ's peace,  
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  
"He Shall Feed His Flock" *Cheryl Broonstin*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**FIRST READING\***  
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**PSALM\***  
Psalm 126

**SECOND READING**  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**HOLY GOSPEL**  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

**SERMON**  
*Jenna Bergeson*

**SONG OF THE DAY**  
"On Jordan's Bank" *ELW #249 v.1,3,5*

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
*Each petition will end with the words, "Hear us, O God,"*  
*Please respond with "Your mercy is great."*

## PEACE

We encourage you to pass the peace with those you are with and/or call, text, or face-time someone and share God's peace with them.

**OFFERING**  
*We have a generous God who provides for us richly. We honor God in return with our offering.*  
*Thank you for giving generously to St. Mark.*

We invite you to try our “Text to Give” option. Text the dollar amount to 763-296-067  
If this is your first time using “Text to Give”, you will be asked to fill out your card information.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time  
of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *ELW #490 v.1,2*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING SONG**

“Hark, the Glad Sound!” *ELW #239 v. 1,3,4*