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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020

4:00 PM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & HOLY EUCHARIST

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Caleb Nelson Amaker

Deacon
The Reverend Cindy Dopp

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill

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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

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Schedule of Advent & Christmas Services

Thursday	Dec. 24	9:45 PM	Prelude Music and Carol Singing *Live Stream*
Thursday	Dec. 24	10 PM	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist *Live Stream*
Friday	Dec. 25	10 AM	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist *Live Stream*
Saturday	Dec. 26	11 AM	Christmas Pageant redux *Zoom Meeting*
Sunday	Dec. 27	10 AM	Christmas Lessons & Carols *Live Stream*

You are invited to have a candle ready to light
while we sing Silent Night during communion.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
& CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

PRELUDE

Contemplation on *St. Louis* — Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 83 O come, all ye faithful, vv. 1-3 & 6 — *Adeste fideles*

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2 God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten
Son of God the Father;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

OPENING SENTENCES

I bring you good news of great joy!
A Savior has been born to you! Alleluia!
Unto us a child is born!
The Child is a gift! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE *96* Angels we have heard on high, vv. 1 & 3 *Gloria*

1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE COLLECT

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
O God, in the birth of the baby Jesus, you have come among us to be with us. In him, we see and know the bright light of your love. Rejoicing with Mary and Joseph in the gift of your presence, may we let our light shine in the world that all may know this love. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PAGEANT The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Script adapted and edited by Tracy Councill, Caleb Nelson Amaker, and Michele H. Morgan
Music by Jeff Kempskie
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REFLECTION Caleb Nelson Amaker

CHILDREN'S CREED

I believe in God above,
I believe in Jesus' love.
I believe His Spirit too, comes to tell me what to do.
I believe that I can be kind and good,
Like I believe we all could
Help me today and all the way.
Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, born in a human family: we pray for our own families and friends, the people who love us and the people who take care of us. Lord Jesus,

Hear our prayer.

Jesus, cradled in a manger: we pray for our neighbors who are hungry, homeless, and hurting. We pray for all the places and people that are in need of your love. Lord Jesus,

Hear our prayer.

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals: we pray for this planet, our Earth. May we come to see it, and see the whole universe, as your body, to be cherished and cared for. Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings: we pray for this country, and for all the countries of the world, as we try to live with and for each other. Lord Jesus,

Hear our prayer.

Give those incarcerated courage and hope; give those who work in these places compassion and honor; and help us all to build a better world. **Amen.**

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

The people may add their own prayers either silently, aloud, or in the comments.

Let us pray:
Jesus, our Emmanuel, accept our prayers and be with us this day and every day. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Mary Rocking, Gently Rocking — Welsh Christmas lullaby
Suo Gan, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Virtual Boys & Girls Choir; Kerry Court, director

Mary rocking, gently rocking, rocking Jesus, Holy Child.
Angels singing, sweetly singing: Glory be to God on high.
Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's arms now rest.

Shepherds running, swiftly running, running on to Bethl'em town.
Bright star shining, brightly shining, shining forth to show the way.
Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's arms now rest.

Wise men trav'ling, stately trav'ling, trav'ling on to find the Child.
Bright star shining, brightly shining, shining forth to guide the way.
Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's arms now rest.

PRESENTATION HYMN

115 What child is this, who, laid to rest, vv. 1, 3 — *Greensleeves*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is always with us.
God has been born among us!
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Incarnate One
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right and joyful to give our thankful praise.

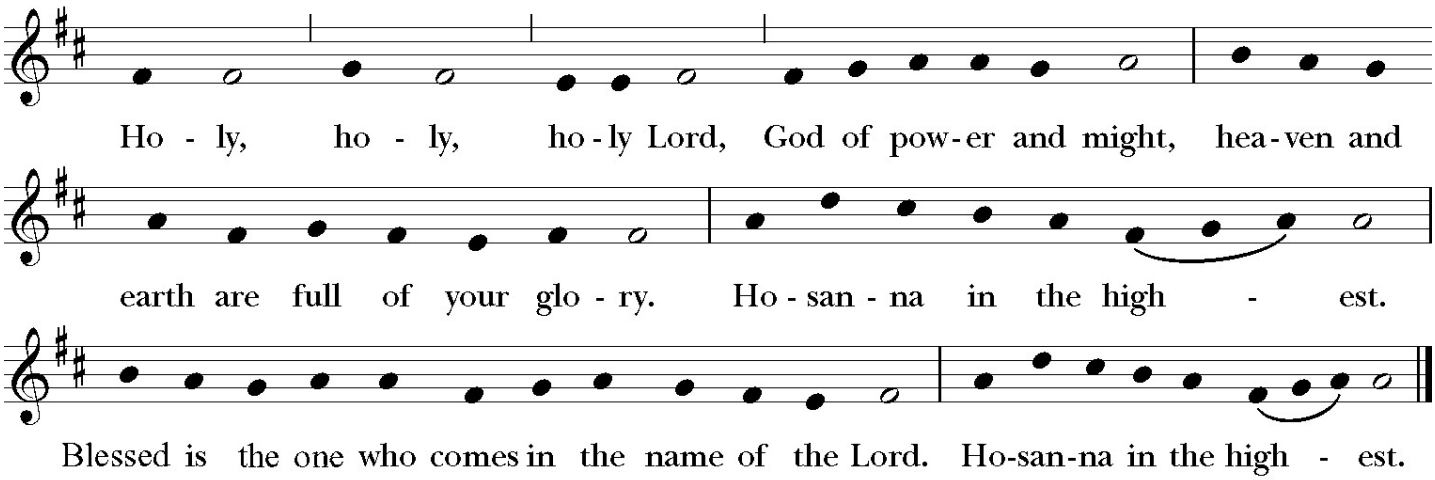
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever. At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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.
By his love, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

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:

SANCTUS S 124 From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



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

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

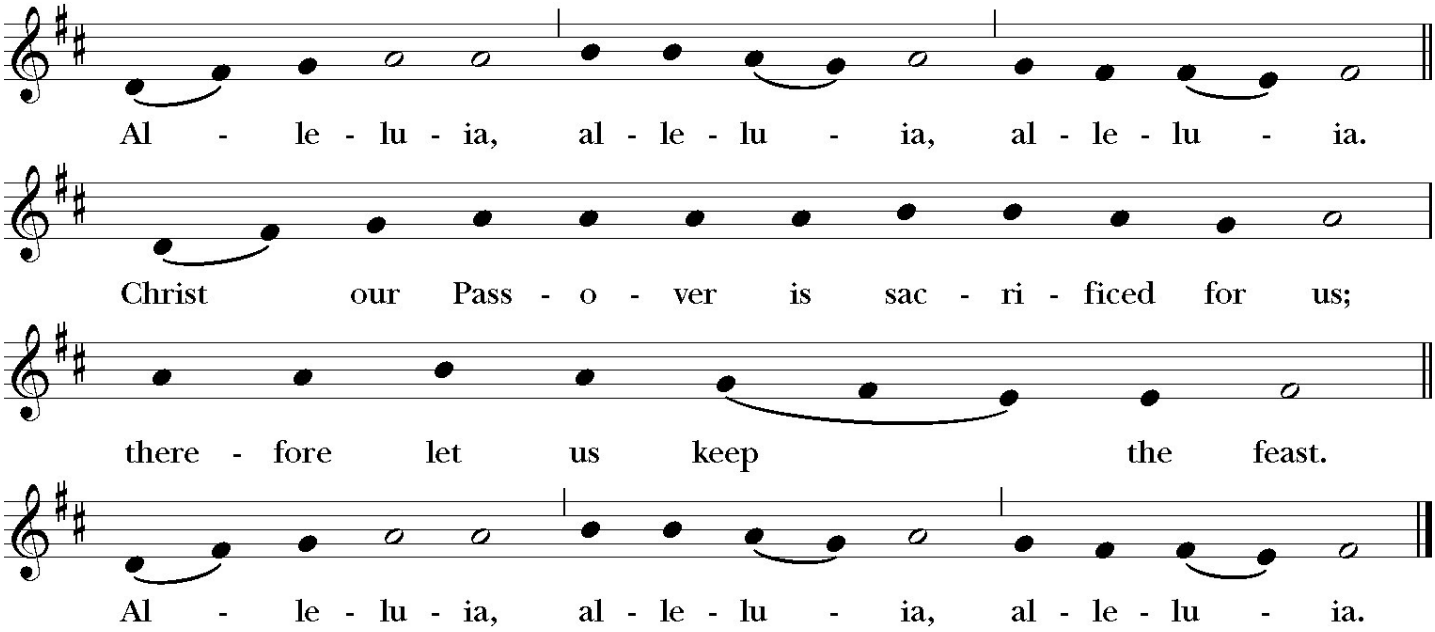
Lord God of our Ancestors: Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God present in our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for 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.
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!

THE LORD'S PRAYER Video by Hayley Gray-Hoehn

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 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 154 From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all. Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,
All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

If you have bread and wine in your home you are welcome to consume it now. If you would like us to deliver a blessed communion wafer to you, please contact Michele@stmarks.net

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lullaby Words & Music by John Ness Beck

Charmian Crawford, soloist

A child, a holy child, fast asleep beneath a winter sky,
Is warm at rest at his mother's breast as she sings her lullaby.
The lambs, the cattle too are sleeping in a bed of hay,
And all around there's no other sound than lullaby, lulay.
Lullaby, sleep well, sleep well, my precious one;
Lullaby, my love, my only son; New life has now begun.
So the story goes: once upon a winter morn a tiny boy
Bringing love and joy, the Prince of Peace was born.

Please light a candle at home if you want to join us.

HYMN 111 Silent Night *Stille Nacht*

1 Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.
Eternal, Loving God, we thank you for this simple meal that brings Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May your love touch others through us. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 87 Hark! the herald angels sing *Mendelssohn*

1 Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Refrain

THE BLESSING

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost,
to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,
to bring Peace/שלום /سلام among the people, to make music in the heart.

And the Blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Sussex Carol — Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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Adding Voices: Acts of Radical Love that change the world

The Reverends Michele Morgan, Cindy Dopp, Patricia Catalano,
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January 17	Listening to the change.	Cindy Dopp
January 24	Seeing the world anew.	Justice Schunior
January 31	Teaching and learning	Joe Hubbard
February 7	In it for the long haul	Patricia Catalano
February 14	Of change and being changed	Michele Morgan

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In Honor of ...

Our 4 1/2 year old granddaughter, Lilly Zimmerman by Bill & Linda Dickinson
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My wife, Rosemary Harold by Michael Knipe
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In Thanksgiving for ...

In thanks for my children and grandchildren by Betsy Athey
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