



Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church: A Community of Grace

We embrace Christ, share the Gospel and love like Jesus.

Holy Eucharist + November 29, 2020, Advent 1, Year B

The Annunciation: Romans 16:25-27; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Luke 1:26-38

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Worship is about **re-connecting with the presence of God in Jesus Christ. Please engage as you are able and as fits your needs** – sing and pray along; add your prayers in the comments; respond to the readings with a word, phrase, or image. A special thank you for those who have made our in-spirit worship possible. And for those who read, listen, view, like, comment, share and subscribe.

The Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto, Rector

Opening Voluntary “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Plainsong/
setting Albin Whitworth

Opening Sentence

Blessed be our loving, liberating, life-giving God.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

Advent Hymn of Preparation

56 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1 & 2 *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

The Collect of the Day

God impossible love, you needed Mary to give consent, to bear the scandal, to carry your word within herself: may her courage give hope to women and men who yearn to sing new songs of justice and find the world a dwelling place for God; Through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

The Lessons

During the reading of the lessons, please be aware of a word, phrase or image that grabs your attention. Please consider adding them in the comments.

New Testament: What word, phrase or images grabs your attention?

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people or Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: What word, phrase or image grabs your attention?

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 *Misericordias Domini*

**1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

**2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

**3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

**4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**

**19 You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the
people.**

**20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

**21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.**

**22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.**

**23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.**

**24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.**

**25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.**

**26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'**

Gospel: What word, phrase or image grabs your attention?

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of Our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: What word, phrase or image grabs your attention?

The Apostles' Creed: Presented by Special Guest Clergy

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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.

The Prayers of the People: Please add your prayers and petitions

Deacon: Extend your greeting to your favored ones, O God, and let your Holy Spirit overshadow us, that we may proclaim your love to our generations, as we await the coming of Christ, saying: Let your faithfulness and love be with us; for your love is established for ever.

Intercessor: Make of your Church, O Holy One, a house that shall be made sure forever before you, that we, like Mary, may respond in faithfulness and be bearers of the Christ child to all the world. Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

Community: **For your love is established for ever.**

Intercessor: Raise up just leaders, Almighty One, and guide the nations of the world, that all people may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and that evildoers shall afflict them no more. Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

Community: **For your love is established for ever.**

Intercessor: Compassionate One, let the prophetic writing be made known to all the nations to bring release and comfort to all who are oppressed, to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things. Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

Community: **For your love is established for ever.**

Intercessor: Loving God, empower your Holy Spirit to come upon this community that we may be the servants of the Lord and live graciously according to your word. Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

Community: **For your love is established for ever.**

Intercessor: Gracious One, visit all for whom we pray with your mysterious love, and honor the intercessions of your people as we pray for.

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgivings and intercessions.

The community adds its own prayers. When the time is right...

Intercessor: Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

Community: **For your love is established for ever.**

Concluding Collect

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 our Savior 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.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Special Blessings may happen here or after the announcements

The Peace: Please offer God's peace to those around you in-person & in-spirit
The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements: Please add announcements in the comments

To get connected, please visit our website: www.stmarks-upland.org.

Offertory Sentence: Many thanks for all your contributions

Offertory Hymn 601 Vs. 1,2,4,5, "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" *St. Michael*

Eucharistic Prayer for Advent: Sylvester

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee.

God dwells in you.

And also in you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God

Let us give our thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our joy to give you praise, O God; as in the beginning, when your Light shone in the darkness, we await the advent of your light in the world; The stars are wheeling overhead, and the year is turning again. In the darkness of the winter, when starlight and fire offer warmth and hope, we once more tell the stories that prepare our hearts to receive the gift of Christ. The voices of your prophets echo still with the yearning for justice; the cry of John, preaching by the Jordan, urges us to turn again toward you; the mighty "yes" of Mary invites us to imagine that we, too, can bear Christ's peace into the world. We join our voices with all the world in the song of praise that echoes with the voices of the angels:

Sanctus

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

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, creator of the infinite stars, that when the time was right, Jesus was born. His life shone brightly with your presence; His words taught us to imagine and build your kingdom; His touch brought healing; His compassion fed the multitudes. On the night before he died, he kept the Passover with his friends. He took the bread, gave you thanks, and said, "Take this bread as my own body, given to set you free. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and said to them, "Take this cup as my own blood, given to set you free. Whenever you drink it, remember me." Gracious God send your Spirit to bless these gifts, that they may become your holy food and drink for your holy people, the Body and Blood of Christ, given for the world.

With all those in every generation who know your love, speak of your hope, embody your joy, and long for your peace, we offer ourselves to you, our souls and bodies, that your light may shine through us for the sake of the broken world. Nourish us at your table and send us in your name.

Let your grace come to us, O God, in the name of Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit: Come to us today and dwell with us forever, God of infinite power and infinite grace. **Amen.**

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

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 Bread is broken: A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem

The Bread is broken; Christ is with us. The wine is poured; let us keep the feast.

The Invitation

No matter who you are, who you love, what you believe or have done, you are welcome to this Holy Communion – the Gifts of God for the people of God.

Spiritual Communion Introduction

Deacon: A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Spiritual Communion Prayer: St. Alphonus de Liguori, 1696-1787

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St. Francis Prayer Introduction

St. Francis Prayer

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Mission Hymn 68 "Rejoice, rejoice believers" *Llangloffan*

Blessing

Priest: ...now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" Camille Saint-Saens/

setting Albin Whitworth

Please join us for our hospitality hour at 11am.