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**First Sunday**  
**of**  
**Christmas**  
DECEMBER  
25,  
2022,  
10:00 A.M.



# PRELUDE



**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:**



*Refrain*

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**Christ the Lord!**



**2 The highest, most holy,  
light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
now in flesh appearing!**



*Refrain*

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**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 in the highest:**



*Refrain*

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**Christ the Lord!**



**4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:**



*Refrain*

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**Christ the Lord!**



## + CHRISTMAS LITANY

P: Today we Gather to celebrate the light that shines through the darkness of our world

**C: We give thanks for the gift of your Son, O Father.**

P: And his name is Jesus – the one who Saves!

**C: For God loves us so much that God gave us His only Son as to free us from our sins and bring us eternal life in Him.**



P: Forgive us oh Lord when we forget this great gift, when we lose the Christmas spirit and treat others harshly or hurtfully.

**C: Renew us each day with your love that came down at Christmas and help us to share that love with all your children.**

P: May your Light that came into the world ever shine through this congregation and all your people so that others may know the Christ in Christmas.

**C: In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen**



**1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.**

*Refrain*

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.**



**2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?**

*Refrain*

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
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.**

*Refrain*

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.**





Reading  
Luke  
2:8-20,  
**pg 935**

*Refrain*

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**



**1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.**



*Refrain*

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**



**2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.**



***Refrain***

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**



**3 Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.**



*Refrain*

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**





*Matthew*  
*1:18-25,*  
**pg. 879**

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!**



**2 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!**



**3 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!**





*Matthew 2:1-11,*  
**pg. 879**



SPECIAL MUSIC  
*The Little Drummer Boy*  
Krista Guerrero,  
Conner Reger and  
Kara Reger





**GOSPEL**  
*John 1:1-18,*  
**pg. 968**

*The holy gospel  
according to  
Luke, the second  
chapter.*

**Glory to you, O  
Lord.**

# CHRISTMAS MESSAGE





**1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**



**2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;  
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.**



**3 Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**



## + PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

The petitions conclude:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

***Amen.***



+ PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*  
**And also with you.**



# OFFERING



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Use the St Mark's App



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## **+ LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**





**COMMUNION**

**1 Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing,  
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!**



**2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.**

**Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!**



**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,  
sleep in heavenly peace.**



**2 Silent night, holy night!**

**Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!**

**Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Christ, the Savior, is born!**



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



## + COMMUNION PRAYER

God our redeemer,  
you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.

Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



Gathering + Word + Meal + **Sending**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**





## **DIRECTORY**

It is the time of year again  
to update the Directory.

Please contact the  
office at 626-961-2486  
or email [fdutil@stmarks.ws](mailto:fdutil@stmarks.ws)  
with any changes.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



The offering envelopes boxes will be available in the Narthex, today December 25th, and January 8th.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE  
THESE ENVELOPES  
UNTIL 2023.**



# OFFICE NEWS

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH,  
AND MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND.  
PASTOR MERICLE WILL BE ON  
VACATION DECEMBER 28TH - 30TH.



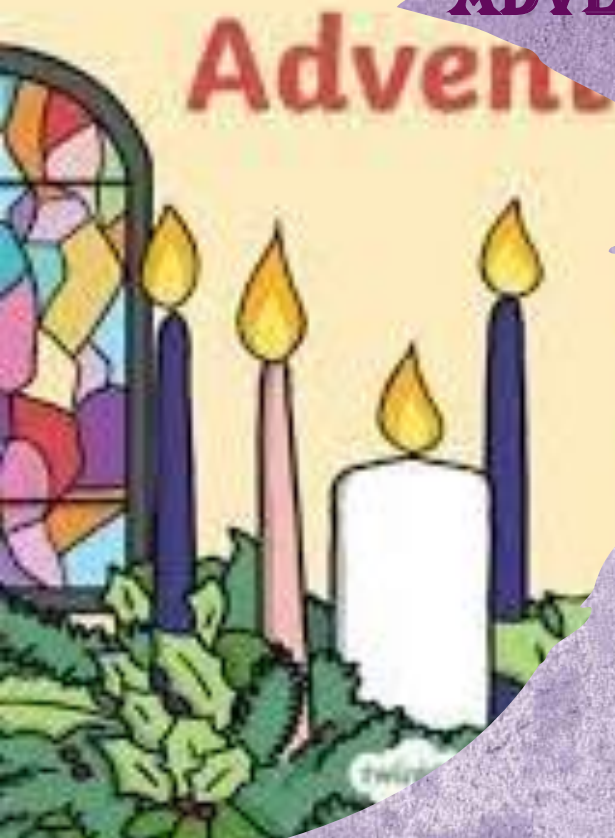
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WITH  
PASTOR JIM  
ON TUESDAYS**



# ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



January 1st  
**RECORDED SERVICE ONLY**  
New Year's Day Worship



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*with Your Year-End Giving*

If you are planning to make year-end donations, which you plan on deducting on your tax return for 2022, please make sure your offering is in the church office NO LATER THAN Thursday morning, 12/29/22. This will allow us to make the deposit on a timely basis. We thank you for your generosity throughout the year, which will allow St. Mark's Church to continue it's missions.

**Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year**  
from the Finance Committee.



SUNDAY,  
JANUARY  
22, 2023  
AFTER  
WORSHIP.  
PLEASE  
JOIN US!

PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

## + CHRISTMAS BLESSING

P: May you be filled with the hope of Zechariah and Elizabeth, the wonder and love of Mary, the joy of John and the angels, the acceptance and peace of Joseph, the celebration of the Shepherds and Hosts of Heaven, and receive the gift of the Christ child in your heart, mind and soul now and forevermore in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



**1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**



**2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**



**3 No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**



**4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**



## + DISMISSAL & VISION

So that we may be  
**the visible presence of Christ  
in this community.**

Go in Peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

