



St. Mark's Anglican Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Litany and Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am

Welcome to St. Mark's.

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.
Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.*

PRELUDE *Gabriel's Message*

Monte Mason (b. 1949)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 117

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

KYRIE

Missa de Angelis

Ky-ri - e - - - e - le - i - son.

3 Chris-te - - - e - le - i - son.

5 Ky-ri - e - - - e - le - i - son.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
 who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
 to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,
 now fill us with your grace,
 that we in all things may embrace your will
 and with her rejoice in your salvation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All sit

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

Reader: Jamie Mainprize

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader Thanks be to God.



Cantor HEAR, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph **like** a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned **u-pon** the cherubim.

ALL In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Man-**as-** seh,*
stir up your strength and **come** to help us.
Restore us, O **God** of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and **we** shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be **an-gered***
despite the **pray’rs** of your people?

Cantor You have fed them with the **bread** of tears;*
you have given them **bowls** of tears to drink.

ALL You have made us the derision of our **neigh-bours**,*
and our enemies **laugh** us to scorn.
Restore us, O **God** of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and **we** shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

Reader: Jamie Mainprize

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader Thanks be to God.

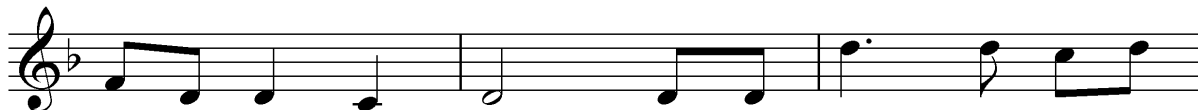
All stand

HYMN

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)



Ma - ry, wo - man of the pro - mise, ves - sel
 Ma - ry, song of ho - ly wis - dom sung be -
 Ma - ry, morn - ing star of jus - tice, mir - ror
 Ma - ry, mo - del of com - pas - sion, wound - ed
 Ma - ry, wo - man of the Gos - pel, hum - ble



of your peo - ple's dreams, through your o - pen, will - ing
 fore the world be - gan, faith - ful to the Word with -
 of the Ra - dant Light, in the sha - dows of life's
 by your off - spring's pain, when our hearts are torn by
 home for trea - sured seed, help us to be true dis -



spir - it wa - ters of God's good - ness streamed.
 in, you car - ried out God's won - drous plan.
 jour - ney, be a bea - con for our sight.
 sor - row, teach us how to love a - gain.
 ci - ples, bear - ing fruit in word and deed.

Mary Frances Fleishaker

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Steve Hinchliffe

Leader In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying,
“Lord Jesus, come soon!”

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Celebrant O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us,
Lord our God.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Celebrant Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**
THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

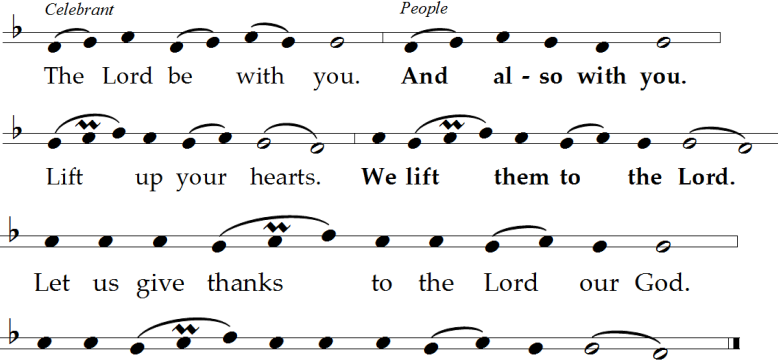
THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 362

Tell Out, My Soul

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
Joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

Common Praise, no. 689

All remain standing or kneel

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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.

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
People **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

Common Praise, no. 690

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Jacques-Louis Battmann (1818-1886)

Magnificat, anima mea, Dominum et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo, salutari meo.
Maria optimam partem elegit Quae non auferetur habea.

*My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
Mary chose the best part Let it not be taken away.*

- Latin, 9th century, trans J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

After communion, all stand for

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.
All **And your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.
People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 116

“Your Kingdom Come”—on Bended Knee

VOLUNTARY

Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Congregational Carols and Festive Organ Music

5 pm Festive Sung Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

10:30 am Festive Sung Eucharist



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