



# St Mark's

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### love is our tradition

**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15, 2024 Rite 2 Year C**

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Thank you for joining us in worship.  
We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have  
And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

#### **We Love God**

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

#### **We Love Each Other**

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

#### **We Love Our Community**

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

#### **We Love Our Faith**

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

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***Advent is a strange, contemplative season to be grasped in the language of silence and poetry. It is a time to remember that what we long for and desire has already come and yet is to come in its fullness; a time to remember that we in our day are to be like Mary, to consent to cooperate with God so that God might complete what God began long ago.***  
**---John Westerhoff**

### **Basic Liturgics**

**Liturgy:** "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

**Eucharist:** The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

### **The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:**

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

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| (1) The Liturgy of the Word        | (2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table |
| - The Gathering Rite               | - The Offertory                                    |
| - The Lessons & Sermon             | - The Eucharistic Prayer                           |
| - The Creed                        | - The Lord's Prayer                                |
| - The Intercessions and Confession | - The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread        |
| - The Peace                        | - Holy Communion                                   |
|                                    | - The Post-Communion Prayer                        |
|                                    | - Blessing and Dismissal                           |

### **Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:**

**Celebrant, Presider, Officiant:** A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

**Deacon:** A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

**Crucifer:** Someone who carries the processional cross.

**Acolyte:** Literally this means "torch-bearer."

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

**Book-bearer:** The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

**Preacher:** A person who gives a sermon or homily.

**Lector:** A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

**Intercessor:** A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

**Oblation-bearers:** Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

**Ushers:** Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

**Greeters:** Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

**Altar Guild:** The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

**Floral Guild:** Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

## Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

# Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

## The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

### A Word of Welcome

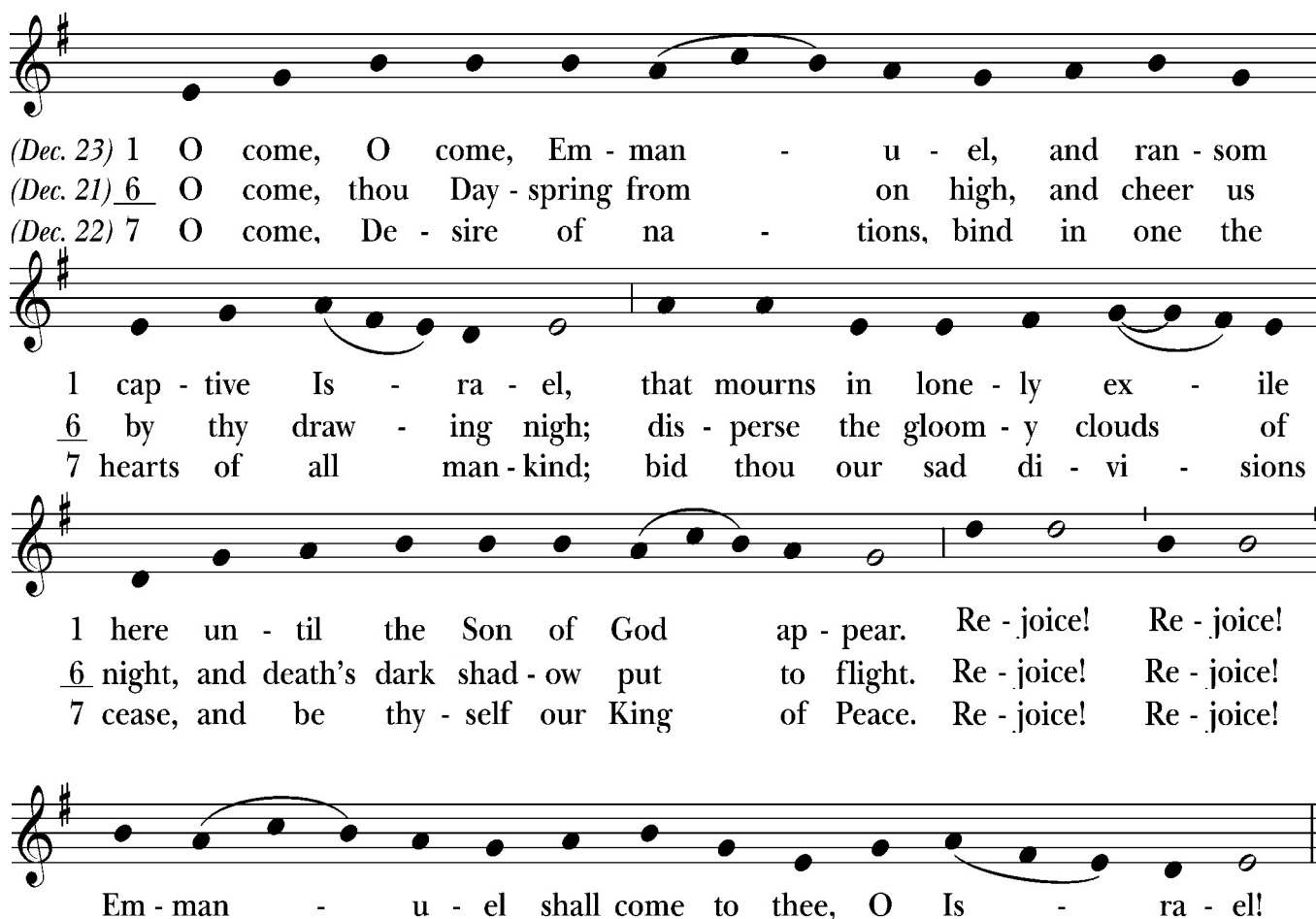
*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Hymn 56** (1982 Hymnal Blue Book)

*O come, o come Emmanuel*

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

### *Verses 1, 6-7*



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: 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.**

## Trisagion

Smith

**4**      **Sung three times**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

The McDuff Family

A prophet and angel's words sent Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. The same angel's words came to the most unlikely of characters – shepherds in the field. Tending sheep was a lonely and smelly business and shepherds were often the most necessary but overlooked people in the world. But an angel sought them out to share with them the good news of the light coming back into the world. And though afraid, they listened and got up and went in search of this new light.

As we light this candle let us remember to invite those we might overlook to our table, and to learn with them what it is to follow and live into the promised light.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Presider:* Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
**AMEN.**



## The Lectern

The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

*(Please be seated)*

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Laura Hicks

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

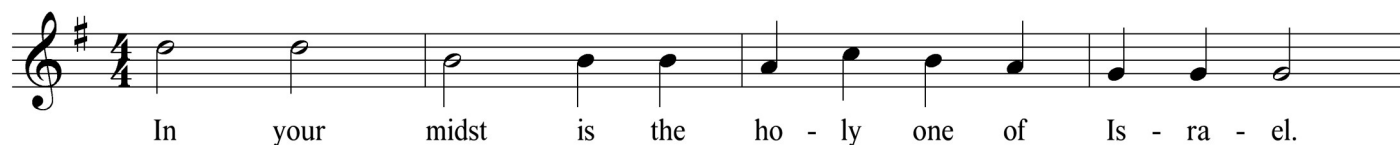
At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Refrain - sung by Choir and Congregation



## Psalm tone - chanted by Choir and Congregation



Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be a-fraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-fense,  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with re-joicing  
from the springs of sal-vation.

## [REFRAIN]

And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is ex-alted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A-men.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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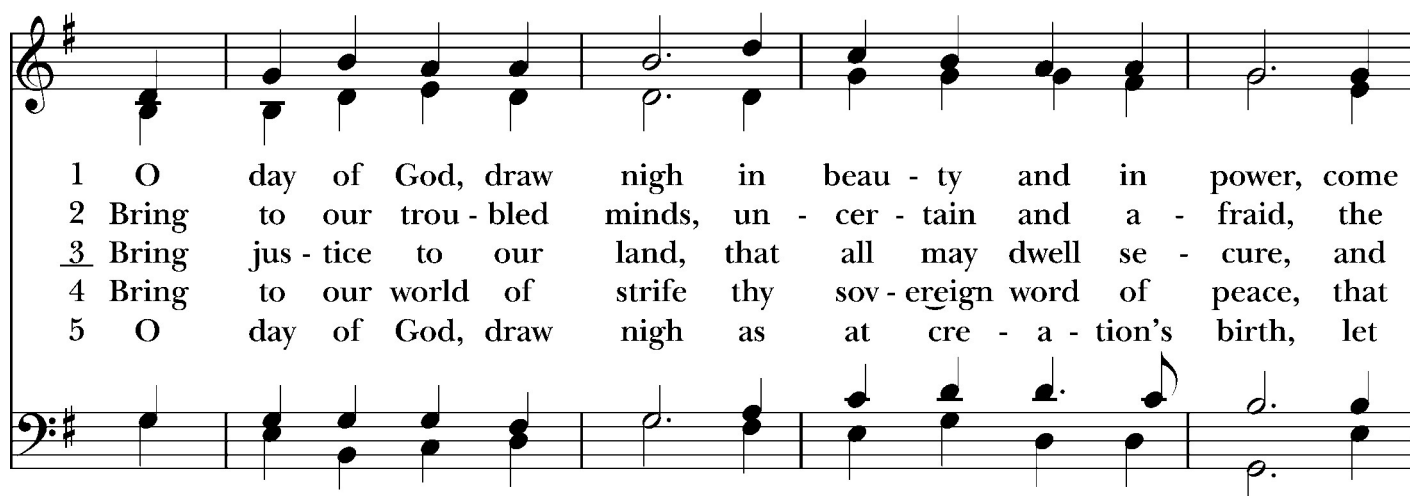
**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

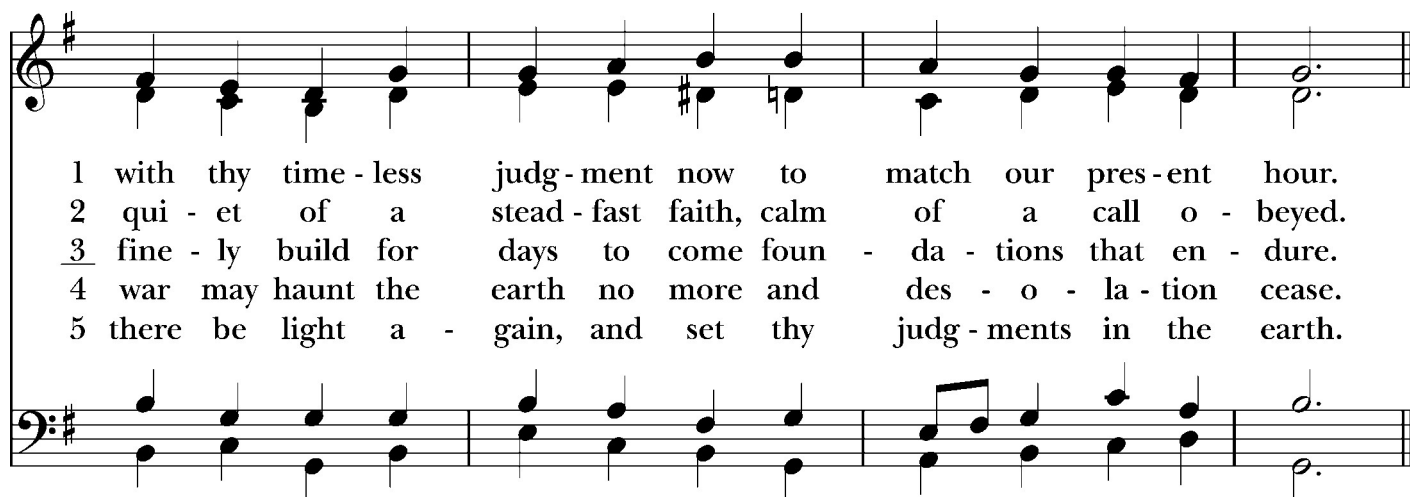
**Hymn 601** *(Blue Book)*

*O day of God draw nigh*

*St. Michael*



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.



## The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

## The Gospel

*Luke 3:7-18*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke  
**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

*Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.*

*(Please be seated)*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price





## The Baptismal Font

Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### The Nicene Creed

**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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

*(Stand or kneel)*

## **Prayers of the People**

Jennifer McCauley

Beloved in faith, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially Sean our presiding bishop, Mark and Gayle our bishops, Benjamin, Buck, and Sarah our clergy, Scott and Kate our wardens, and our vestry. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

**All: Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

**All: Come and redeem us for our life together.**

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill. We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

**All: Come save us and do not delay.**

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for those unhoused, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

**All: Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.**

O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially Meredith, the Tucker family, Jerry, Kenneth, Garry, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Mike, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Julette, Marsha, David, Samantha, Bill, Sandra, Frank and the Eberly family, the Owen Family, Ron, Pam, Jodi, Laurence, Sarah Grace, Duncan, Will, and the McDuff Family, John, Kathy, Suzanne, Susan, Cynthia, Barbara, Jane, Corey, Karen, Kathy, Florence, Terry, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Becca and her family, Don, Norma, Betty, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Candace, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David, Ginny, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Gloria, Rick, Amy, Kristy, Martha, Randi, Marion, and Hollis. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

**All: Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.**

O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your light on those who have died, remembering especially Farid Alan Schintzius, and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

**All: Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Saviour, We give thanks for all the blessings of this life; for all those who today celebrate birthdays, especially Clare, Kenneth, Jason, and Odin, and those who celebrate anniversaries, especially Allison and Michael, and for all the other blessings of this life.

Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

**All: Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

### **The Confession**

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All: God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. AMEN.**

### **The Absolution**

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **AMEN.**

### **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(All greet one another in the name of the Lord.) (Please be seated)*

### **Announcements and News of the Church Community**



## The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

# The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table



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### Invitation to Holy Communion

*(Remain seated)*

#### Offertory

*O lux beatissima*

Text: attr. Stephan Langton

Music: Howard Helvey

Translation of the Latin:

O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.  
Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### At The Presentation, Doxology

*The 8th Tune*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*



## The Communion Vessels

The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace” in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or “host”), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear 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:

### Sanctus

Smith

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are

full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

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

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, **We remember Christ’s death, We proclaim Christ’s resurrection, We await Christ’s coming in glory;**

*Presider:* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* And now, as our Savior 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. AMEN.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

Smith

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer - cy

on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; grant us peace.

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**The Holy Communion:** *ALL are welcome to share in Communion.*

## Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the front you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice. If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher  
and the clergy will bring communion to you.

**Communion Hymn 115** (*Blue Book*)

*What child is this*

*Greensleeves*

Led by the Communion Choir

The Communion Choir is open to singers of all ages and experience levels.

We meet for practice around the piano every Third Sunday at 10:00am;

new members are welcome to join us!

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2 Why lies he in, such mean es - tate where  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

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*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

### Post Communion Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**All:** Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. AMEN.

### The Blessing



## The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

Hymn 67 (*Blue Book*)

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

*Psalms 42*

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet - him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

## The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

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***Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:***

Parishioners: Meredith Franklin, the Tucker family, Jerry Long, Kenneth Decker, Garry Land, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Keith MacKay, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Robin Goodman, Mike Oliver, Steve Row, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Juetta Iverson, Marsha Iverson, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, and Bill Piercy.

Our extended family and friends: Sandra Painter, Frank Eberly and family, the Owen Family, Ron, Pam, Jodi, Laurence, Sarah Grace, Duncan, Will, and the McDuff Family, John Golden III, Kathy, Suzanne, Susan, Cynthia, Barbara Taylor, Jane, Corey Sims, Karen Sokohl, Kathy Treaster, Florence, Terry Brown, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Becca and her family, Don Foltz, Norma Hylton, Betty Kuhn, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Candace Franco, Lee Hyden (Anne Kambourian's daughter), the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ginny Jones, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Gloria Wiley, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Martha, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

Those who have died: remembering especially Farid Alan Schintzius.

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Clare van Loenen, Kenneth Bradford, Jason Bogard, and Odin Landers.

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Allison MacKay and Michael Evranian.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregations and clergy of Christ Church, Gordonsville; Grace Church, Bremo Bluff; La Iglesia Santa Maria, Falls Church, and St. James, Warrenton.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

***Please inform the office of any changes to the prayer list.***

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*Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented*

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Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the “Welcome” card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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