

# St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

## Fairland Parish



The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

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8:00 a.m.

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*The People enter, maintaining physical distance. The People stand. The Celebrant and LEM proceed.*

### Opening Rites

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. *Amen*

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

*Amen.*

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

**The Old Testament Lesson**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

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- 15 The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.
- 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.
- 17 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
- 18 as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm of the Day

Isaiah 12:2-6

*The Cantor chants the psalm.*

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And  
you will say on that day:  
Give thanks to the LORD,  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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## The New Testament Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe 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.'

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ <sup>12</sup>Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ <sup>13</sup>He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ <sup>14</sup>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.’

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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.’ <sup>17</sup>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.’

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon: To Clear and to Gather**

## **The Creed**

*Led by the LEM, the People say:*

We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not  
made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were  
made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and  
was made human;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and  
was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the  
Father,

and shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead,  
whose kingdom shall have no end.



And *we* believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father *and the Son*;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And *we* believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
*We* acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The LEM or Reader says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this  
gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for  
the well-being of all.

*Silence*

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

We pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

*Silence*

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*If the confession is not omitted, the Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. The People, led by the LEM, then say*

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Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things,  
judge of all people:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by  
thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our  
misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is  
past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please  
thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath  
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance  
and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and  
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

## Words of Comfort

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to God.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Mt. 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; the perfect offering for our sins, and not ours only, but the sins of the whole world. *1 Jn 2:1-2*

## The Peace

*The People stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And with thy spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another.<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.

*The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.*

*The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.*

### **The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because Thou didst send Thy 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 to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*The People, led by the LEM, say*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand. The People hold forth their gifts, if any. The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire that thou mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

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And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The People, led by the LEM, 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence. The Celebrant continues*



Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have  
mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have  
mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant  
us thy peace.

*The LEM may then lead the People in this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property it is always to have mercy. Grant us, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People come forward to retrieve the hosts, maintaining physical distance.*

*They consume the hosts and their gifts upon returning to their seats.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant or LEM then leads the People in this prayer*

Almighty, ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us, members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of the faithful; and heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. We beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou preparest for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### **Announcements**

*Announcements, if any, are made here.*

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.*

**The Flowers on the altar were given today to the Glory of God by Olivia Lee in Thanksgiving for family.**

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### **Christmas Services**

Christmas Eve (12/24/21): 5:30 pm Family Eucharist, 8:30 pm Festival Eucharist (8:00 pm Choral Prelude).

Christmas Day (12/25/21): no services

1st Sunday after Christmas (12/26/21): 8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 10:30 am Christmas Lessons and Carols (no Eucharist).

2nd Sunday after Christmas (1/2/21): 8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite 2.

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We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you, and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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## The Greening of the Church

**Sunday, December 19, 2021      11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Once again, the Altar Guild cordially invites you to join us to prepare the church for Christmas! **Light refreshments will be provided.**

We will:

- Hang the evergreen roping above the narthex doors and on the choir balcony
- Hang the large wreath on the choir balcony
- Place the Christmas Flowers around the church, including in the windows and elsewhere.

We have a lot to do, but with help from many hands we can get it done in a short amount of time. When we've been able to do this in the past it's been a fun experience for everyone, and we intend this year to be the same.

**So please join us, and thanks!**

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### CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO NEEDED

Contributions toward greens, window arrangements and poinsettias are also needed. To help, please complete the form below and place it, with your check attached (payable to *St. Mark's Church*) in the collection plate, or mail it to St. Mark's, 12621 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD, 20904. **It must be received in the office by Monday, December 20, 2021 (with or without a monetary gift) to be included in the Christmas bulletin.**

\* I am sponsoring the greening for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* I am donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias @ \$20.00 each

My gift is in:

\* Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU!!!**