

Communion Anthem – Christ the Lord Robert Feduccia and Sarah Hart

Communion Hymns sung by all

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming down the road  
**Chorus** Alleluia he is coming. Alleluia he is here. (repeat)

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weeping  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weeping for my sins *Chorus*

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying on the cross *Chorus*

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising  
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave *Chorus*  
*Alleluia he is coming by Martha E. Butler © 1979 Martha E. Butler CCLI License No. 621330*

There is a Redeemer Jesus God’s own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One  
**Chorus** Thank you O my Father for giving us your Son  
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah O for sinners slain *Chorus*

When I stand in glory I will see his face  
There I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place *Chorus*  
*There is a Redeemer by Melody Green © 1982 Birdwing Music/ BMG Songs, Inc./Ears To Hear CCLI License # 621330*

Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors (when applicable)

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

*Congregation* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Please stand*

**Prayer for Mission** said by all BCP 365  
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession – Days of Elijah sung by all

These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days of your servant Moses righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trials of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying “Prepare ye the way of the Lord”

**Chorus**  
Behold he comes riding on the clouds shining like the sun at the trumpet call  
Lift your voice it’s the year of Jubilee and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel the dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest the fields are as white in the world  
And we are the laborers in your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord *Chorus*

**Bridge** There is no god like Jehovah (7 times then *Chorus*)  
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Dismissal BCP 366

VISITOR INFORMATION

Children’s Chapel

A Children’s Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

GIVING INFORMATION

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PLEDGE

To make a 2026 pledge scan QR code →



Worship Participants

*We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.*

8:45 a.m. service

**Advent Wreath** The Magevney Family **Verger** Frank Scheu  
**Lectors** William Magevney, Linda Crofton, Emily Magevney  
**Acolytes** Claire Crum, Julia Crum, Jane Magevney, Ford Magevney  
**Chalice Bearers** Angela Crum, Leah Miller, Downing Nightingale, Mary Dudley White  
**Ushers** Fred Kent, Christopher Commander, Matt Miller, Phil Rachels

11:00 a.m. Service

**Advent Wreath** The Galbraith Family **Verger** Keith Daw  
**Lectors** Lee Haramis, Jr., Warner Webb, Leslie Freeman  
**Acolytes** Louisa Holyer, Alice Holyer, Rocco Falconetti, Sterling Falconetti  
**Chalice Bearers** Christine Burkett, Linda Crofton, Alex Cain, Sarah Holyer  
**Ushers** Will Tutwilwer, Mike Davidson, Ben DeVino, Randy Gordon, Fred Irving **LEV** Sherri Webb

**Altar Guild** Leslie Freeman, Stephanie Baker, Dudley Grace, Trisha MacRae, Caroline Mann, Una Pardue, Lindsay Runnels, Barbara Simcox, Tori Tutwiler  
**Flower Guild** Mary Dudley White, Fran Moulder, Katherine Smithwick, Anne Alexander

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

*and in loving memory of Thomas M. Donahoo by his family.*

\*Please contact the church office to donate and dedicate altar flowers.  
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St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Vision

St. Mark’s is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God’s world. (Ps 46:4-5)

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St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Mission

To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God’s Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.



St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an “S” (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.*

*Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.*

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

December 21, 2025 - 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude – Refiner’s fire Brian Doerksen

The Word of God

*Please stand*

**Hymn in Procession** – Here I am to worship sung by all

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you hope of a life spent with you

**Chorus** So here I am to worship here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that you’re my God  
And you’re altogether lovely altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days oh so highly exalted glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came to the earth you created all for love’s sake became poor

*Chorus then Bridge*

**Bridge** And I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross  
*Here I am to worship by Tim Hughes © 2000 Thankyou Music*

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity** BCP 355

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* 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.**



**Hymn of Praise** *sung by all* Hymnal 56, *verses 1 and 6*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadow put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*Words Latin, ca. 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; Hymnal 1940, ver. alt.; music Plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.  
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**Collect of the Day**  
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*  
**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Today on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the final candle on our Advent wreath. It reminds us that God used his servant Mary to bring about the greatest blessing possible. Mary’s trust in the Lord is a model for our own faith. As she trusted in the Lord to fulfill his promise to Abraham and his descendants through her, so we should trust her Son who is our Prince of Peace.

**First Lesson** – Isaiah 7:10-16  
Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** – 80:1-7, 16-18 *read responsively by half verse*  
1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**  
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**  
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**  
4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
**how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**  
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**  
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**  
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**  
17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**  
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**Second Lesson** – Romans 1:1-7  
Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*  
**Sequence Hymn** – Jesus, Messiah *sung by all*  
He became sin who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross; love so amazing love so amazing  
**Chorus** Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
His body the bread his blood the wine broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing *Chorus*  
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**Holy Gospel** – Matthew 1:18-25  
*Clergy* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**  
Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.  
*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel as the congregation sings “Jesus loves me”.*

**Sermon** – The Rev. Charlie Holt

*Please stand*  
**Nicene Creed** BCP 358  
**Prayers of the People** – Form I BCP 383  
**Confession** BCP 360

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthems**  
O come little children *and* There was a little baby The Cherub Choir  
Come true light Dwight Liles and Sarah Hart

*Please stand*  
**Offertory Hymn** *sung by all*  
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord; (repeat)  
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.  
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**Great Thanksgiving** – Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367  
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
*The Celebrant continues...*

**Sanctus** *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 130  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (repeat)  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

**Lord’s Prayer** *said by all* BCP 364  
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.

**Fraction Anthem** *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 164  
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Please be seated*  
**Communion of the People**  
*At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.*