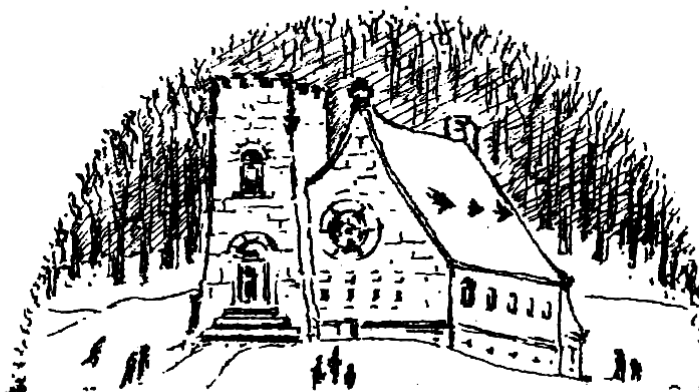


Christmas Services

Christmas Day

11:00am



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St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California
Christmas Day; Year C
December 25, 2021, 11:00am

Welcome to St. Mark's!

This Christmastide, we invite you to share in our joy at the dawn of salvation, the invitation to a new start for the whole world in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Wherever you may find yourself this Christmas, whether at peace or in need of peace, healthy or in need of healing, clear of conscience or in need of forgiveness, know that this holiday is for you; this Child, and the light which shines from his face, is for you. As we receive him afresh, let our joy be a sign to the world that the Light still “shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
- (John 1:5)



Today's service music

New Plainsong Setting
David Hurd (b. 1950)

Music in preparation for worship

Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Jonathan Dimmock, organ

¶ A chime rings and all stand to sing.

Opening Hymn 106, Christians, awake salute the happy morn *Yorkshire*

Opening Sentence *Isaiah 9, Psalm 98*

Celebrant: Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government
shall be upon his shoulder: and his Name shall be called,
Wonderful Counselor.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

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.*

Kyrie eleison

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Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ All sit for the Lessons.

First Reading *Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 98, Cantate Domino*

Tone VIII.1



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new song,*
for he has done / marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his / holy arm*
has he won for him/self the / victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his / victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the / sight of the / nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the / victory / of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, / all you lands;*
lift up your / voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the / harp,*
with the / harp and the / voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the / horn*
shout with joy before the / King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it,*
the lands and / those who / dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers / clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he / comes to / judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he / judge the world*
and the / peoples with / equity.

Epistle *Hebrews 1:1-12*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

¶ *All stand to sing.*

Sequence Hymn 107, Good Christian friends, rejoice *In dulci jubilo*

The Gospel *John 1:1-14*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily *The Rev. Michael Hiller*

¶ *A brief silence follows the Homily.*

¶ All stand for the Creed.

Credo

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Leader: Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families, renew our communities and keep our departed loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit, hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives.

All: *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

✠ *All exchange a sign of Peace.*

✠ *Various announcements may be made.*

The Offertory

¶ *Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. A collection is taken for the work of the church and then blessed. Singing by the Choir and the Congregation completes the Offertory: here in this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our material resources, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.*

Offertory Anthem The Aye Carol

Who is the baby an hour or two old
Looked for by shepherd far strayed from their fold,
Lost in the world though more precious and gold?
This is God with us in Jesus.

Who is the woman with child at her breast,
Giving her milk to earth's heavenly guest,
Telling her mind to be clam and at rest?
Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Who is the man who looks on at the door,
Welcoming strangers, some rich but most poor,
Scanning the world as if somehow unsure?
Joseph, the father of Jesus.

¶ *All stand to sing.*

Offertory Hymn 92, On this day earth shall sing *Personet Hodie*

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

Who are the people come in from the street,
Some to bring presents and some just to meet,
Joining their song to what angels repeat?
There are the new friends of Jesus.

Will you come with me, even though I feel shy,
Come to his cradle and come to his cry,
Give him your nod or your "yes" or your "aye,"
Give what you can give to Jesus?

--*John L. Bell*

The Sursum Corda

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 God thanks and praise.*

Here begins the Great
Thanksgiving.
Eucharistic Prayer B,
Book of Common
Prayer p. 367

¶ *The Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer with a preface recalling the season. Then, all join their voices with those of the whole host of heaven as they sing perpetually before the throne of God:*

...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 & Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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 in the high - est.

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¶ *All remain standing, or kneel if desired.*

¶ *Here in the presence of God, the whole host of heaven, the Communion of Saints, and the gathered community of St. Mark's Church, the Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer: recalling Christ's words of institution at the Last Supper the night before he died, and his passion, death, and resurrection; offering the bread and wine to become for us the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood; praying for the Holy Spirit to descend upon the gifts we offer and we ourselves, to make us holy and consecrate our lives -- and life itself -- to the good purposes of God.*

¶ *After the words of institution, the Celebrant invites the people to affirm the Paschal Mystery.*

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
All: *We remember his death,*
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

¶The Celebrant continues.

¶Finally, the Celebrant offers the concluding doxology and the People join in the Great Amen:

Celebrant: [. .] by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

¶All sing the Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-low'd be thy name. Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion; but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

Music: Rimsky Korsakov (1844-1908)

¶The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

¶A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

¶ *All sing the Agnus Dei*

Agnus Dei

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.

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¶ *The Celebrant invites the people to make their communions, saying:*

Celebrant: Behold, the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.

People: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. But
speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*

¶ *The Celebrant communicates the Altar party, then the Congregation and the Choir.*

¶ *All are welcome to come forward. To receive the Host, hold out one open palm in the other. (Gluten-free Hosts are always available; just alert the priest, who will extend the pyx for you to take one.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. For the purposes of Covid safety, communion will be administered in one kind only, standing, at the head of the center aisle. Receive your Host and then move to one of the communion stations at the head of either side aisle before removing your mask and consuming your Host.*

Communion Motet O Magnum Mysterium

Gerald R. Near, (b. 1942)

O magnum mysterium,	O great mystery
et admirabile sacramentum,	and wondrous sacrament,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum	that animals should see the new-born Lord
jacentem in praesepio!	lying in a manger!
Beata Virgo Maria,	Blessed is the Virgin Mary,
cujus viscera meruerunt	whose womb was worthy
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.	to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Hymn 101, Away in a manger *Cradle Song*

¶ *All stand to pray.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ *The Celebrant offers the Christmas Blessing.*

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

All: *Amen.*

Celebrant: May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

All: *Amen.*

Celebrant: May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

All: *Amen.*

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

All: *Amen.*

¶ *The Liturgy concludes with the Dismissal.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Final Hymn 100, Joy to the World *Antioch*

Postlude

Ou S'en vont ces gais bergers

Claude Balbastre (1724-1799)

*A very happy Christmas to you and yours,
from everyone here at St. Mark's.*

Christmas

John Betjeman (1906-1984)

The bells of waiting Advent ring,
The Tortoise stove is lit again
And lamp-oil light across the night
Has caught the streaks of winter rain
In many a stained-glass window sheen
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge
And round the Manor House the yew
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,
The altar, font and arch and pew,
So that the villagers can say
'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze,
Corporation tramcars clang,
On lighted tenements I gaze,
Where paper decorations hang,
And bunting in the red Town Hall
Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve
Are strung with silver bells and flowers
As hurrying clerks the City leave
To pigeon-haunted classic towers,
And marbled clouds go scudding by
The many-steeped London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad,
And oafish louts remember Mum,
And sleepless children's hearts are glad.
And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'
Even to shining ones who dwell
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall ?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me ?

And is it true ? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissue fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.



Martin Travers (1886-1948)



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