

The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is
to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

—The Episcopal Parish of—
**St. Mark
& St. Paul**
—On the Mountain—

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Welcome to this morning's service of worship!

*Restrooms are available in Claiborne Parish House,
the building directly behind the church.*

Nursery care is available during both services (more information on Announcement insert).

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: Variations on *Freu dich sehr* Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Hymn 67 (blue book): "Comfort, comfort ye my people" *Psalm 42*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity Prayer Book (*red*) page 355

Trisagion: WLP 845, (*green book*)

Collect of the Day (*insert*)

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 (*insert*)

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (*insert*)

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a (*insert*)

Sequence Hymn 59: "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding" *Merton*

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (*insert*)

Sermon The Reverend Robert C. Lamborn

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Prayers of the People, Form I page 383

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Announcements

Offertory Hymn 53 (8:30): “Once he came in blessing” *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Prepare the way, O Zion,
Your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
A level way appear.
Greet one who comes in glory,
Foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name!

He brings God’s rule, O Zion;
He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
And justice, truth and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
For grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name!
Children’s Choir

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) page 367

Sanctus: S-130

The Lord’s Prayer (Contemporary)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins	as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.
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At the Breaking of the Bread: Hymnal, S-164

Communion:

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest. For the sake of public health, please drink from the chalice or decline it by crossing your arms across your chest.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors (*when needed*)
(*in unison*) In the name of this parish, we 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. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer page 366

Hymn WLP 724: “People, look East” *Besançon Carol*

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude: *Freu dich sehr* Georg Böhm

The arrangement at the altar today is given in celebration of our entire St. Mark and St. Paul staff and Vestry and for every member of the various guilds and committees that have contributed countless hours of service to our beloved faith community.

Altar Guild — Robin Bates, Julia Bates, Dorothy Gates

Bread Baker—Diane Jones

Tellers—Lynn Stubblefield, Carolyn Davis

Flowers—Ann Aitken

Coffee Hour—Frieda Hawkins

8:30 service

Vestry—Robin Bates

Server— Robin Bates

Chalice Bearer—Robin Bates

Readers—Sue Moseley, Alec Moseley

Intercessor— Robin Bates

Usher(s) -- Bruce Baird, Alec Moseley

11:00 service

Lynn Stubblefield

Michael Thompson

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Cheryl Lankhaar, Liz Camp

John Gatta

Betty Barton & Jimmy Blythe

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: – The Church of Pakistan (United)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

Prayer Requests: Cricket Bogert, Peggy Bonds, Paul Cahoon, Lisa Cantrell, Corky Carlisle, Margaret Edsall, Sue Hawkins, David Kearley, Karen Keele, Pat Kirby, Mike Mattei, George Ramseur, Jean Stell, Evelyn Taylor, Bill, the people of Gaza, Israel, and Ukraine.

Departed: David Kearley and those killed in the shootings in Austin and Las Vegas

Birthdays: Diane Getty, Laurie Ramsey, Joseph Kitzrow, Rachel Lynch