



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.

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 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 the service (more information on Announcement insert).

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Dorothy Gates, Univ./Community Relations	Beth Wiley, Treasurer
Diane Jones, Junior Warden	
Kathryn Bruce, Clerk	

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude *Noëls Variés.* Nicolas Le Bègue (1631-1702)

Hymn 80 (*blue book*): "From heaven above to earth I come" *Vom Himmel hoch*

Opening Sentences Prayer Book (*red*) page 299

Song of Praise: Hymnal, S280

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (*insert*)

Psalm 147:13-21 (*insert*)

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7 (*insert*)

Sequence Hymn 84: "Love came down at Christmas" *Gartan*

Gospel: John 1:1-18 (*insert*)

Sermon The Rev. Scott Lee

Nicene Creed page 328

Prayers of the People, Form I page 383

The Peace page 360

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Offertory Hymn 115: "What child is this, who, laid to rest" *Greensleeves*

Sanctus: Hymnal, 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.

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.

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

Hymn 102: "Once in royal David's city"

Irby

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude: *In Dulci Jubilo.*

F W Zachau (1663-1712)

Greening of the church—see memorial/honorarium list.

Altar Guild — Beth Wiley, Lynda Gotko

Bread Baker—Diane Jones

Tellers—Diane Jones, Carolyn Davis

Flowers—Greening of the Church

Coffee Hour—Susan Holmes & Greg Maynard

8:30 service

Vestry—Lynn Taylor

Server— Robin Bates

Chalice Bearer—Robin Bates

Readers—John Reishman, Lynn Taylor

Intercessor— Alec Moseley

Usher(s) -- Lynn Taylor

11:00 service

Diane Jones

Michael Thompson

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Cheryl Lankhaar, Sophia Patterson

Matthew Mitchell

The Pattersons

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church

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

Birthdays: Annwn Myers, Christopher Van de Ven, Lauren Sturdy, Ella Brain

Announcements

We welcome this morning as **guest preacher** the Rev. Scott Lee and **guest organist** the Right Reverend J. Neil Alexander

No Sunday School Classes or Sunday Forum this Sunday.

Nursery services: Infants and toddlers through three year olds are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927.

The Centering Prayer group will NOT meet on January 1. We will resume on January 8.

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated here with a service on Saturday, January 6, at 4:30pm, followed by a potluck supper.