

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.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023, 11:00 am

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).

**Holy Baptism and
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Prelude Chaconne on *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

Hymn 54 (*blue book*): "Savior of nations, come!" *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Opening Sentences Prayer Book (*red*) page 299

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (*insert*)

Canticle 3, the Magnificat Hymnal: S247

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-38 (*insert*)

Sequence Hymn 81: "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming!" *Es ist ein Ros*

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 (*insert*)

Sermon The Rev. Peter Gray

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Announcements

Offertory Hymn 265: “The angel Gabriel from heaven came” *Gabriel's Message*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) page 367

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.
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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.

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 56: “O come, O come Emmanuel” *Engelberg*

Advent Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude: Toccata on *Veni, Emmanuel* Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Greening of the church—see memorial/honorarium list.

Vestry of the Day—Jay Fisher

Altar Guild – Lynda Gotko

Bread Baker— Diane Jones

Tellers—Beth Wiley

Coffee Hour—

10:00 am service

Server — Beth Wiley

Chalice Bearer—Beth Wiley

Readers – Jay Fisher, Diane Jones

Intercessor— Beth Wiley

Usher(s) -- Diane Jones, Jay Fisher

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church of the Phillipines

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Marks Church, Antioch

Prayer Requests: Cricket Bogert, Peggy Bonds, , Lisa Cantrell, Corky Carlisle, Bev Chase, 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: Paul Cahoon

Birthdays: Addison Willis, Robert Black, Luwin Lewis

Announcements

Services this Sunday at 10 am in St. Mark & St. Paul; 4:30 pm at All Saints; and 10 pm at St. Mark & St. Paul.

Christmas morning service at 10 am.

No Sunday School Classes or Sunday Forum this Sunday.

Nursery services: Infants and toddlers through three year olds are invited to gather on the playground on Sunday mornings from 8:15 to noon. The nursery will be held at the playground of St. Mark and St. Paul, or in the child care classroom at the lower level of Claiborne Hall.

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

Please be on the lookout for our specific food needs for the pantry each Sunday of Advent. Sunday, Dec. 24 be sure to bring in canned corn.

The Centering Prayer group will NOT meet on December 25 or January 1. We will resume on January 8.