

Sermon

Robert C. Lamborn

Prayers of the People

The people respond to each petition **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect (prayer), to which the People respond
Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

In greeting each other in the name of the Lord please be sensitive to COVID and to others' comfort.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 87: "Hark the herald angels sing" (*Mendelssohn*)

The Great Thanksgiving

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . .

. . . who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (music near front of blue hymnal at S130)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (repeat)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)

The celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God. . . .

. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. . . .

. . . all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

All

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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant and People (music near front of blue hymnal at S164)

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. (repeat)

When Bread and Wine are ready for distribution, the Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; those not baptized are invited forward to participate by receiving a blessing.

Communion of the People

“Lo, how a rose e’er blooming *Johannes Brahms*
“Of the Father’s Love begotten” *Wilbur Held*
“Silent Night” *Max Reger*

Hymn 111 “Silent night, holy night” (*Stille Nacht*)

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray

Celebrant and People **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 pronounces a blessing; the People respond **Amen.**

Hymn 100 “Joy to the world!” (*Antioch*)

When dismissed, the People respond **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “In dulci jubilo” *J.S. Bach*

Kathy Sturgis will be retiring at the end of January after more than 60 years as a church organist. In thanksgiving for her 10+ years of service here (where her hours per week were too few to qualify for the Church Pension Fund), a retirement purse has been established for Kathy to which anyone may contribute. Please make checks payable to St. Mark & St. Paul with “Sturgis retirement” in the memo line. (Contributions directed to the benefit of an individual are non-tax-deductible.)

Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black) #27 “Away in a manger”

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 2:1-20

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** All went to their own towns to be registered. **4** Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. **5** He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: **11** to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,^[a] the Lord. **12** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,^[b] praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”^[c]

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. **17** When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Celebrant O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

Celebrant—The Rev. Giulianna Cappelletti Gray

Deacon – The Rev Joseph Kennedy

Crucifer/Server – Finn Hart

Chalice Bearers – The Rev. Dr. Julia Gatta, Robin Bates, Julia Bates,
Tom DuMontier

Torchbearers – Wallis DuMontier, Shea Gatta

Reader – Cullen Thompson

Intercessor – Joseph Gray

Organist – Dr. Robert Delcamp

Children's Choir – Julia Bates

Ushers – Kathryn & Alex Bruce, John Solomon

Altar Guild – Robin & Julia Bates

Bread Baker – Diane Jones

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make St. Mark & St. Paul and All Saints' Chapel so beautiful for our Christmas services!

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Committees, Commissions, and Task Forces of the Diocese of Tennessee

Prayer Requests: Paul Cahoon, Bill Davis, Gwen Gipson, Sue Hawkins, Carl P. Hill, David Kearley, Pat Kirby, Louise Lokey, Tom Papura, Evelyn Raines, George Ramseur, Bob Roberson, Kathy Sturgis, Freddie Tucker, Gretchen Tucker, those suffering from COVID-19, the people of Ukraine.

Birthdays: Bill Davis, Jennie Murray, Penelope Martin, Mary Gatta, Jim Jackson, Matthew Mollica, Annwyn Myers

Christmas Day: 10:00am Holy Eucharist with carols at St. Mark & St. Paul.

St. Mark & St. Paul office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and January 2.

The Rev. Rob Lamborn will be off work December 26-December 31. The parish office will be open December 27-30. He will be available for pastoral emergencies; please contact the Rev. Deacon Betty Carpenter.

Feast of the Epiphany: The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Friday, January 6, at 6:00 pm in the School of Theology's Chapel of the Apostles, 335 Tennessee Ave.

Sunday school, youth, and adult education will resume Sunday, January 8.

Home Communion is available from the clergy and lay Eucharistic Visitors; please contact Deacon Betty Carpenter at deacon@stmarkstpaul.org.

CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday (closed December 23 & 26 and January 2). Please call 931-598-5927.

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—

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022, 4:30 pm
The Holy Eucharist
(Service at All Saints' Chapel)

The warmest of welcomes on this holy night!

Nursery care is available in the Trudy Cunningham Room downstairs in Carnegie Hall; please ask an usher for directions. **Rest rooms** may be reached by walking through the arch to the congregation's left, then turning left down the hallway. + In addition to this bulletin, tonight we will use the **Hymnal 1982 (blue)** as well as **Lift Every Voice and Sing II (red and black)** in the book rack next to your seat.

Prelude "Noel" *Claude Daquin*
"In Dulci Jubilo" *Marcel Dupré*

Hymn 83 (blue *Hymnal 1982*) "O come, all ye faithful" (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)
(Adeste fideles)

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn 96 "Angels we have heard on high" (*Gloria*)
Children sing the 1st verse and the first 3 refrains;
all sing verses 2-4 and the final refrain

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.