



November 27, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (music)

The First Sunday of Advent

According to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

People say or sing words in **bold type** and/or preceded by the ❖ symbol.

BCP is the red *Book of Common Prayer*

Hymnal or S is the blue *The Hymnal 1982*

WLP is the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



PRELUDE

FREU DICH SEHR

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN (10:30 ONLY)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

❖ **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

8:00 A.M. ONLY (*spoken, not sung*)

Trisagion (spoken three times)

BCP 356

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

10:30 A.M. ONLY

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Trisagion

S 102

This setting is intended to be sung three times.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

♩ = 60

The Lord be with you.

❖ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

❖ **Thanks be to God.**

Kyle J. Osborne

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 22

Laetatus sum

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.
 7 Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.
 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.
 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
 I will seek to do you good."

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

❖ **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC AT THE GOSPEL (*sung at 10:30 only*)

Hymn 56
 I O come, O come, Em man - u - el, and
 ran-som cap-tive Is - ra el, that mourns in lone-ly
 ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
Refrain
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
 shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

❖ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner

of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

❖ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV. CAROL TOOKEY

NICENE CREED

Please Stand

❖ **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Deacon: Awaken us, O God, and prepare us for your coming into the world, that we may cooperate willingly in your work of healing and reconciliation, as we pray: Let your Spirit awaken us; let us walk in the light of Christ.

Litanist: Gracious and Loving One, bless your Church with the gift of peace, that glad people may go to the house of God where you will teach us your way.

Let your Spirit awaken us;

that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Eternal One, judge between the nations and arbitrate for many people with your justice, that all in authority will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Let your Spirit awaken us;

that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Compassionate One, visit the people of the earth with your grace, that all may lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Let your Spirit awaken us;

that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Loving One, inspire us to respond to the needs of our community and grant us your goodness, that we may be a city at unity with itself, where peace dwells within our walls and quietness within our towers.

Let your Spirit awaken us;

that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Healing and ever-present God, shed your light upon those who suffer or who live with any kind of trouble, especially ____.

Hear our gratitude for all the blessings you shower upon us, especially for ____.

Bring into the fullness of your light those who have died, especially ____.

Let your Spirit awaken us;

that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Celebrant: Come to us in judgment and grace, O Holy One, and arouse us to your purpose, that we may be instruments of your peace, ready to meet the Son of Man at an unexpected hour, in the power of your Spirit manifested through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

❖ **O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants in the journey of their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WELCOME VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are honored by your presence. Please fill out the "Welcome, Guests!" card, and place it in the offering plate where you signed in. Following the service, please join us on the front lawn for conversation and fellowship. We look forward to getting to know you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

❖ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

❖ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

❖ **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say/sing (10:30) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Celebrant continues

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

St. James Advent Service
arr. Richard Shephard

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of
pow'r_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes
in the name_ of_ the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

. . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

. . . All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

❖ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

❖ **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

COMMUNION

All who seek Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Once He came in blessing Hymnal 53

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand* BCP 365

Let us pray.

❖ **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 BLESSING

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power.

May you endure everything with patience, alive in Christ through whom all things have been created and in whom all things hold together.

May the Holy Spirit, who has rescued you from the power of darkness and transferred you into the kingdom of Christ, keep you in the inheritance of the saints in light.

And the blessing of our victorious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and protect you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Please stand

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal 57

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth to bless and serve God's world. Alleluia. Alleluia.

❖ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH PRAYER LIST

WELCOME to St. Mark's Episcopal Church!

We're especially glad to welcome you if you are worshiping with us for the first time this morning. If you're with us in person, please fill out a "Welcome Guest" card, found at the usher station or in the pew rack. We look forward to greeting you more fully after the service at Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall! For those joining us online, please drop us a note at our website www.stmarksdurango.com so we can be in touch if you'd like us to do that!!



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• **THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS BACK FOR 2022!**

The 2022 St. Mark's Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, December 3. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you haven't signed up to help yet, please contact: Tanya Roth at 970-759-3199 or stmarkschurchbazaar@gmail.com We need bakers, set up, workers, clean up, etc. **Thank you so much in advance!** Time to clean out your closets and donate to the Estate Boutique. Please bring decorations, collectibles, and fine items in clean, good condition and ready to sell.

• **HISTORIC TOURS OF THE CHURCH!**

Historian and parishioner, Kip Boyd, has offered historical tours of St. Marks at the Christmas Bazaar at 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. Limited to 20 people per tour, so sign up now! Email Tanya at stmarkschurchbazaar@gmail.com.

• **TODAY!! COOKIE BAKING EXTRAVAGANZA!**

At 1pm Join Tanya Roth for a Cookie Baking Extravaganza! We will create cookies for the Bazaar cookie platters. Just bring yourself and your favorite apron, Tanya will provide everything else. Many hands make many cookies!

• **TODAY!! ST. MARK'S ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET IS HERE!!!**

Get ready for an extraordinary Advent treat this year courtesy of 25 of your fellow parishioners! You may now pick up your family's copy of The St. Mark's Advent Reflection Booklet.

• **TODAY!! ADVENT WREATH MAKING**

After the 10:30 am Service in the Parish Hall. All supplies provided!

• **TODAY!! YOUTH FORUM WITH PIZZA!**

From 5:30pm - 6:45pm

• **TODAY!! SUNDAY SCHOOL – ADVENT JOURNEY**

During the 10:30 am service. All youth welcome!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For Healing & Strength:

Stephen, Debbie, Maggie, Ginny, Jennifer, Wade, Linda, Lea,
Mary, Todd, Yakuso, Imoto, Yoko, Krystal, David, Bill,
the children of Beth Frost, the Colorado Springs community
and the families of those that were lost.

**For those in the Armed Forces,
Civil Service, on Missions:**

Erik, Justin, Thad

For Travelers:

Kathleen, Steve and Marti, Stephen, Dene & Gordon

For those who have died:

Beth, Sarah, Dot, Jan, Juan, Juan

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Carol & Bob, Dick, Nancy, Josephine, Dawn,
Shaylah, David, Jacob, Matthew, Linda

For others:

Borderlands Ministries