

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022—5:00PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022—8:00AM & 10:15AM
St. Mark's Guest wifi password *timetoprayer*

WELCOME

PRELUDE (10:15)

BELL

PROCESSIONAL (10:15; v1/process to wreath/v2)

O Come, O Come, Emanuel

Hymnal 56

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH—HOPE

Celebrant: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is Hope.

Reader: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. *Psalm 33:20*
(*The first candle is lighted*)

People: *Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II *All standing*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY (*all*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TRISAGION (*three times*)

Hymnal S102

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

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

People *Amen.*

THE LESSONS (*seated*)

FIRST 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!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 9 (*responsively by half-verse*)

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."

SECOND READING: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL HYMN (10:15)

Comfort Ye (v1/Gospel/v2)

Hymnal 67

THE GOSPEL (*stand*)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 24:36-44**

People ***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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

HOMILY

Gareth Allcott, *Assistant to the Rector*

THE NICENE CREED (*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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 Scripture; 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*kneel*)



The prayer "Kyrie, eleison," translates as "Lord, have mercy" and derives from the Biblical phrase, "have mercy on me, Lord")

Deacon: God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayer to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying: Lord, have mercy. (*Kyrie, eleison*)

Leader: We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war any more.

People: *Kyrie, eleison.*

Leader: We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world.

People: *Kyrie, eleison.*

Leader: We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of others in the name of Christ.

People: *Kyrie, eleison.*

Leader: We pray for all who are in need, that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love.

People: *Kyrie, eleison.*

Leader: We pray for those who are assembled here today, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world.

People: *Kyrie, eleison.*

Leader: We pray for all who have asked for our prayers, especially Erin, Bob, Vikki, Doug, Garry, Ginger, Joy, Kimi, Laura, Bill, Linda, Mike, Matthew, Larry, Jeff, and Faye, that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives.

People: *Kyrie, eleison.*

Deacon: We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength to do it, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.***

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says:

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.

People: ***Amen.***

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE (*people remain in the pews and greet one another*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion at the altar, either from individual containers as they are passed in a basket, or from the chalice and paten. Please kneel at the altar as you are able and remain at the altar until the chalice passes. If receiving individual containers, return to the pew to consume the bread and wine and place containers in recycling containers at the exits. Offerings may be placed in the available offering plates positioned at the front pews. Communicants at home may request communion to be delivered by calling or texting 912.222.8746.

THE OFFERTORY(10:15)

(5:00 & 8:00) *Spoken*

***All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.***

(10:15) *Sung*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.*

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

The celebrant incorporates or adapts a Proper Preface

THE SANCTUS

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

Celebrant and People

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people sit or kneel and the Celebrant continues

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.***

Celebrant

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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.***

FRACTION ANTHEM *(spoken)*

***Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people may remain in the pews until the ushers release the pews; come forward to the altar rail to receive communion.

COMMUNION HYMN (10:15)

I Am the Bread of Life

Hymnal 335

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People ***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC (10:15)

Hark, the Glad Sound

Hymnal 72

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

POSTLUDE (10:15)

***Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by friends of Mary Morris in her loving memory***

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 27 Edith Gross
Nov. 29 Sherry Youngner
Nov. 30 Luke West, Mark DiGiovanni
Dec. 3 Shelia McNeil

ANNIVERSARIES

We have no anniversaries this week. If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

PRAYER LIST *(names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days; renewable by calling the office)*

Erin Mann	Garry Hill	Laura Griner	Larry Youngner
Bob Perry	Ginger Canavan	Linda Rooney	Jeff Heard
Vikki Underwood	Joy Youngner	Mike Whitley	Faye Boddiford
Doug Osbourn	Kimi Mashburn	Matthew Dowe	Bill Pelligrini

In-person Attendance November 17-20, 2022

Thu	Sat	8:00	10:15	SMT	Total
12	27	20	168	-0-	227

An Advent Gift for You

Advent, the beginning of the church year, is here. Therein lies the challenge' it arrives "unannounced" and has the potential to pass us by, leaving us unprepared to receive Christmas as the amazing gift it truly is. This year, in an effort to be intentional about observance of Advent in our St. Mark's community, we would like to present to each family an Advent devotional. Following the Advent One services, we invite each family to take EITHER Family Advent Devotional, for families with school-age children at home, OR Pauses for Advent, which is aimed more toward adults.

If you are not able to attend any of the services in person but would like a copy of the devotional, call the office at 912.265.0600 and we will do our best to get one to you.

Tour of Homes December 3

The Magnolia Garden Club has included St. Mark's as one of the stops on its 2022 Tour of Homes from 10:00-3:00 next Saturday. A large number of visitors are expected to come into the sanctuary and learn some of the history about the parish and church architecture. First-time guests are frequently awestruck by the beauty of our sanctuary and stained-glass windows. The garden club will also hold a bake sale in the parish hall, perfect for gift-giving. Club members will create altar flowers or greenery in appreciation for the event.

Manna House - Wednesday, November 30

During this season of Thanksgiving, St. Marks Lions are blessed to once again serve our brothers and sisters at Manna House on November 30. We gather at Manna House around 9:15 that morning to prepare and serve over 350 sack lunches. The need is great as Manna House serves lunch 365 days a year...the only meal of the day for some of our guests. We would so appreciate donations of brownies or individual desserts, fresh fruit or fruit cups or checks made out to St. Mark's with "Manna House" in the memo field. If the Holy Spirit moves you, please drop your food items off in the kitchen the parish hall after the services on November 26 and 27 or by Tuesday afternoon. Again thank you for your generous support and continued prayer for this special ministry. Interested? Simply contact Tess Stuermer at 770-309-6623 or ssitess@att.net.

Chrismon Tree

Two traditions at St. Mark's continue with our Chrismon Tree in the narthex to benefit the children in the care of Morningstar Youth Estate. This year the staff at Morningstar has told us they would like to have \$40 gift certificates to Academy Sports for the 40 boys in their care. That would enable them to take the boys on a sweatshirt-shopping-spree. Easy-to-follow instructions are posted beside the tree. Thanks to Lynne Emery for Chrismons and tree ornaments.

A Christmas fun-raiser!

Not a typo but an invitation to participate in a silent auction to benefit the clergy discretionary fund at a critical time of year. Those with creative or questionable talents are invited to create Christmas-themed wreaths which will hang in the parish hall for the weeks leading up to Christmas. The wreath most in demand (\$\$\$) will receive special recognition. For more information, contact (you guessed it) Linda Mahoney, 912.265.6715. Wreaths and other auction-worthy Christmas items are due to Linda by 9:00 am, Dec. 4.





Look for sign-up posters in the parish hall to ring the bells at the Salvation Army kettles. St. Mark's mans the kettle at Glynn Place Mall on Fridays from Nov. 25 to Dec. 23 in one-hour shifts. Ask a friend to ring with you and make it fun. Linda Mahoney continues to lead this ministry in memory of Jug MacKenzie. St. Mark's place at Glynn Place is always at the Belk entrance.

ANNUAL MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTION NEXT WEEK

The qualifications for nominees:

Shall be 18 years of age or older

Shall be a communicant in good standing, which is described as those who have:

been baptized at St. Mark's or in another Christian church, or

been confirmed, reaffirmed or received at St. Mark's, and

received Holy Communion at St. Mark's at least three times during the preceding year, and

been faithful in corporate worship, working, praying, and giving for the previous year.

Qualifications for voting are the same except for the age. Voters may be 16 years of age. Balloting may take place at all worship services during this week or by voting in person in the office during office hours. Ballots can be delivered to home-bound parish members by LEVs. If you have a question, please call the office, 912.265.0600.

Final tally for the vestry election will take place at the annual meeting next Sunday, Dec. 4, following the 10:15 service. The 2023 budget will be presented as part of the annual report of activities of the year.

CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

Sharyn O'Briant

I have been at St. Mark's for two years. I am an ELA teacher at Glynn Academy.

I have a desire to serve the Lord and our community. I bring a positive outlook and a lot of energy to whatever I do. I participate in the new Needlecraft ministry at St. Mark's, serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and am a member of the Altar Guild.



Ashley Crosby-Holland

I have been attending St. Mark's since 2015 and was confirmed here in 2019. I am an architectural draftsman at Thomas Thaddeus Truett Architects.

Given my profession, I am naturally highly detail oriented and very organized. I feel that I can give a fresh perspective from a unique and current viewpoint while remaining objective moving forward. I carry a sense of dedication to be loyal to the St. Mark's family and an obligation to do my part for the church in helping to sustain a continued growth in the community and in faith.



Teresa D. Hoyt

My husband Bradley and I moved to Jekyll Island in 2016, where we attended St. Richard of Chichester until services were discontinued due to the pandemic. Unable to attend services in person we worshipped with St. Mark's on line and decided we missed an active parish life that we enjoyed at our Atlanta parishes.



I retired after more than 30 years as an attorney for the United States government, 15 years as an Assistant US attorney criminal prosecutor. The last five years of my career was a Senior Instructor in the Legal I was received into the Episcopal Church in 2000 from the Roman church. I knew I had found my true spiritual home. While serving in two Atlanta parishes, I was a vestry member, vergar, Lay Eucharistic Member and Visitor, chair of the Adult Education Committee, and held other leadership positions.

At St. Mark's, I am a member of St. Mary's Guild, Bad Girls Bible study group, Altar Guild, St. Mark's 201 small group, and an LEM.

I would be honored to serve as a vestry member and am grateful for your consideration of my nomination.

David Lawson

My wife Rhonda and I came to St. Mark's in 2019, after many years of trying to decide which spiritual path we would follow, coming from the Baptist and Roman Catholic traditions.



I am a retired physician. I specialized in Internal Medicine and was in my own practice from 1991—2009, when I moved to SGHS as a hospitalist.

During my 30 years in practice I ran a business as a private solo physician. During that time I served in a number of positions of leadership on the medical staff, including Chief of Medicine, Chief of Pharmacy committee, Chief of Peer Review, and Chief of Medical Staff. I never, however, saw myself in the role of leader, rather as one to allow others to apply their own unique talents.

Jeff Marks

I have been a member of St. Mark's since 2016, literally following my curiosity one Sunday morning when I was an instructor at FLETC. St. Mark's 101 was beginning that very afternoon and the Holy Spirit captured me. Fr. Alan baptized me in the Atlantic Ocean on Pentecost Sunday with other parishioners help and I experienced my first Eucharist as a member the next Sunday. My job at FLETC came to an end and I was transferred to Jacksonville but my heart remained at St. Mark's. Fr. Alan married Randi and me in 2019 and following retirement in 2020, we moved back to Brunswick. I worked for one year on staff at Hello Goodbuy but once again was called to work at FLETC in the Marine Training Branch.



(Jeff Marks continued)

Our son Cal has Down's Syndrome and has given his stamp of approval to all things St. Mark's. St. Mark's is our church family. I have closely encountered the Holy Spirit at St. Mark's and feel led to be a steward of this beautiful ministry. May God continue to bless this church.

Virginia Holm

My name is Virginia but I am better known to friends and family as Betsy, a name chosen by an aunt who thought it was a better choice for a little girl full of energy and mischief. I was born in Atlanta and confirmed at Holy Innocents in 1963.



In 2007 I moved to the Golden Isles from Cleveland, Ohio, where I raised three daughters, and there was trained as a psychotherapist at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. I work with troubled families and traumatized children. I traded Lake Erie for the Golden Isles to be nearer by aging mother and only granddaughter, Skyler, now 16 and an acolyte at St. Mark's. We now share a multigenerational home with all its challenges.

Now at 71, I am in search of a broader and deeper identity as well as purpose to a kinship community where hope is generated by good works and good people. I have found that in the St. Mark's family. I find St. Mark's to be a tiny treasure in the midst of these challenging times. I would feel honored to serve as a member of the vestry and hope that my skills and experience could be used in service to the mission of the church community.

William J. (Billy) Dishman

I am a retired electrical inspector for the City of Jacksonville, FL, with more than 27 years experience and education in the field. Out of retirement, I am now a lineman for a communication company.



I was baptized in 1982 at St. Luke's Episcopal in Jacksonville. My wife Kristi and I were active

(Billy Dishman continued)

members of St. Paul's Episcopal in Jacksonville before moving to Brunswick. We visited St. Mark's in April, 2021, and found our home. We have been through St. Mark's 101, graduated to St. Mark's 201, have signed up for the Holy Land Pilgrimage, and I serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, mostly at the 8:00 Sunday morning service.

My heroes are those who "give back" and I feel that with my knowledge and experience I will be able to give back to St. Mark's.