

Church is not a place; it is who we are. Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.



ORDER OF SERVICE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 20, 2020

To gather together in worship, please use the worship links at stmarkcp.org or our Facebook page “St.MarkCP”.

All words for music will be in the Worship video.

** denotes additional resources not used in worship*

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *ELW #257 v.7,8*

INVOCATION

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN

“Light one Candle to Watch for Messiah” *ELW #240 v.4*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing.

P: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.

L: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presents, but for the awareness of God’s loving gift to us--the gift of the Christ child.

P: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.

L: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God’s eternal love.

P: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mary Did You Know”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING*

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

PSALM*

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

“My Lord He is a Comin’ Soon”

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the words, “Hear us, O God,”

Please respond with “Your mercy is great.”

PEACE

We encourage you to pass the peace with those you are with and/or call, text, or face-time someone and share God’s peace with them.

OFFERING

We have a generous God who provides for us richly. We honor God in return with our offering.

Thank you for giving generously to St. Mark.

We invite you to try our “Text to Give” option. Text the dollar amount to 763-296-067

If this is your first time using “Text to Give”, you will be asked to fill out your card information.

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Here I am, Lord” *WOV #574 v.1*

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

“Soon and Very Soon” *VOW #744*