

## Confession of Sin

*The 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 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.  
*Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

**People:** **And also with you**

## *Announcements*

### **Offertory: SUNG BY THE CHOIR**

**Doxology:** Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## The Holy Communion

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

**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.**

*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.

Because you sent your beloved son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; That when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

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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

### *Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

### *Then the Celebrant continues*

On the night before he died for us, 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, 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 to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son, in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark, St. John and all your Saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

**Officiant and People Together.**

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **HAVE MERCY ON US.**

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**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

**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.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN HOLY EUCHARIST AT GOD'S TABLE**

**Communion: 74 BLEST BE THE KING WHOSE COMING**

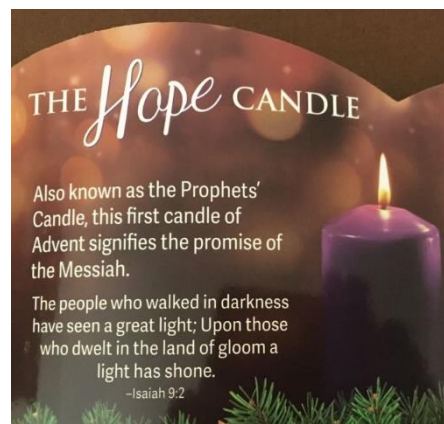
**Post Communion Prayer and Blessing**

**Celebrant and People:** Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**CELEBRANT:** GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD,

**PEOPLE:** THANKS BE TO GOD!

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: 68 REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS**



**The Nicene Creed**

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 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 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.

**Prayers of the People – Form III from the Book of Common Prayer**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; especially- St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre and St. Mark Rodo Parish- Kajo Keji- ***That we all may be one.***

We pray for all bishops, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop and Kevin, our own Bishop, and for all priests, and deacons; ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially-Cheryl, Monica, Don, Charlea, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Dale, Brent, Mae, Curt, Mary, The Hower Family, Lynette, Thomas, Linda, Susan, Erin, Luan, Nick, Joanne, Bob, Sally, Jesse, Tommy, Frieda and Deanna; ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially William Huber-in whose memory today's bulletins are sponsored, ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

***Silence***

**Celebrant:** Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church*

*December 1, 2024*

*The First Sunday of Advent*

*The Rev. Timothy Griffin*

*Mr. Kris Hartenstine- Director of Music*

The Liturgy of the Word

**Processional Hymn: 11 AWAKE MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

**Canticle 16- The Song of Zechariah (SUNG)**

1 Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree. So have the prophets long declared that with his mighty arm God would turn back our enemies and all that wish us harm.

2 With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall, the oath once sworn to Abraham; from foes to save us all; that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise, in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

3 My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way, to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway. Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease, to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**The Celebrant says the Collect:** 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. *Amen.*

The Lessons (see insert)

The Gospel: **61 SLEEPERS AWAKE!** (1-2) (3)

**The Sermon**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 2025 Book has opened to take reservations for Bulletin, Communion Cup Sponsorship and Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a specific date, please contact the office. Bulletin Sponsorship fee is \$10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and \$20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter). Communion Cups Sponsorship- \$15 per week or \$50 per month. Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

**SPONSORSHIP**

**BULLETIN SPONSOR:** In Loving Memory and in remembrance of the Birthday of my father, William Huber. From Elaine Leaser

**LAY READER SCHEDULE**

Date	Reading	9:00 AM	
December 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Sue Ellen Andreas	Zach Baker
December 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Bill Diehn	Tom Lager
December 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Deb Fry	Diane Lager
December 22	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Sue Urban	Jill Perry
December 24	Christmas Eve		
December 29	Christmas 1	Rose Douglas	Jim Pompa, Jr.

**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE**

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
December 1	Karen Horvath	Jill Perry
December 8	Laura Ferko	Sue Urban
December 15	Karen Gasker	Rose Douglas
December 22	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa
December 29	Sue Ellen Andreas	Judy Lennon

**Pastoral Needs:** Fr. Tim Griffin is available for all pastoral needs. If you should need assistance, please contact him at 215-796-4602 or email: [frtimgriffin@gmail.com](mailto:frtimgriffin@gmail.com)

**LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING-** Will Take Place Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** choir will rehearse immediately after the 9am services- new members welcome!

**Journey the Way of Love:** this Advent with a Monday night Zoom study and an Advent calendar of daily practices to help us Worship, Pray, Turn, Bless, Rest, Go, and Learn in this holy season. The Rev. Maria Tjeltveit will facilitate from 7-8 p.m., Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23. Email her at [revmariaat@gmail.com](mailto:revmariaat@gmail.com) to register or with questions.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS:** Order forms are in the vestibule of the Main Sanctuary. Orders with payment due on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Lessons and Carols- December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Main Sanctuary-** Come and join us for an evening of Readings and Hymns meant to inspire all in preparation for the Celebration of the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**CHURCH DECORATING AND PARISH POTLUCK DINNER:** following the 9am Services on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Turkey, Ham and Cheesy Potatoes will be provided by Karen Gasker. Parishioners are asked to bring salads, vegetables and desserts. Karen will need kitchen crew volunteers. Please do see Karen Gasker to volunteer. Sign up sheet will be posted.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY AT 6:30PM**

**Blessing Box- Items most needed:** Juice, Canned fruit, Apple sauce, Spaghetti, Pasta sauce, Hamburger Helper, Canned tuna, Peanut butter, Jelly, Instant oatmeal, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Body wipes, Shampoo, Feminine products

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND-** Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Charlea, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Dale, Brent, Mae, Curt, Mary, The Hower Family, Lynette, Thomas, Linda, Susan, Erin, Luan, Nick, Joanne, Bob, Sally, Jesse, Tommy, Frieda and Deanna

*\*If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office*

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Parish office hours: Monday- Wednesday 10am – 2pm, Thursday & Friday- By appointment

**SERVICES**

Sunday 9am- Main Sanctuary

Other services TBA

September – May

9:00am

Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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**CHURCH SCHOOL**

Zachary and Melissa Baker

**VESTRY**

**Senior Warden:** James Pompa, Jr. ('25)

**Junior Warden:** Deborah Fry ('26)

Rose Douglas ('25)

Karen Gasker ('28)

Sue Ellen Andreas ('28)

**Clerk of the Vestry**

Sue Urban

**Treasurer**

Bill Diehm

*The*  
**EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**



*Welcomes You*

# St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

## *Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

## *The First Sunday of Advent*

### Parish Mission Statement

*Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God's work in the Church and Community.*



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