

Thanksgiving Eve

November 24, 2021
Holy Eucharist – Rite II
6:00 p.m.



Welcome!

*We are delighted to have you joining us for worship today! Everything you need to follow along with the service is contained in this bulletin. Face coverings are optional at all of our worship services. **Restrooms** are in the office building behind the church as you face the altar.*

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Organ Voluntary

Please stand

Hymn in Procession – Come, ye thankful people (*St. George's, Windsor*)

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson – Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – 126 *read responsively by half verse*

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *

then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us, *

and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *

like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *

will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Lesson – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn – We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing (Kremser)

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing; He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Holy Gospel – Matthew 6:25-33

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

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

Jesus said, “I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon – The Rev. Canon Dr. Douglas Dupree

Please stand

Nicene Creed *said by all*

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 worshipped 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.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution *please kneel or stand*

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Clergy 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

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem – Sing to the Lord of harvest

Healy Willan

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.
By him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with his fullness all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.
Heap on his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls he died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him, who gave his life for all.*

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Please stand

Offertory Hymn

As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first fruits bring: the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

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Great Thanksgiving – 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.**

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... 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:

Sanctus

musical setting: Richard Proulx

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.

After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant 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.

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."

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death; We proclaim his resurrection; We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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 Mark 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. *All sing three times:* **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

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

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

musical setting: David Hurd

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. 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.

Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. When the usher directs you, please stand and walk forward to the altar rail using the center aisle. The bread (with a drop of wine already on it) is received in the open palm as you kneel or remain standing at the rail and consumed immediately. Gluten/wine free wafers are available upon request; simply ask the clergy. If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Return to your seat using the side aisles. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

Communion Anthem – Thou visitest the earth

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: and crownest the year with thy goodness.

Maurice Greene

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Communion Hymn – Praise to God, immortal praise (*Dix*)

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:
all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours; autumn's rich o'erflowing stores;
flocks that whiten all the plain; yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.

As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;
and by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;
singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise.

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Please stand

Prayer for Mission

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Blessing

Hymn in Procession – Now thank we all our God (*Nun danket alle Gott*)

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

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Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Worship Participants

Acolytes – Ann Lowery Eyrick, Helen Eyrick, Mary Carol Eyrick **Verger** – Paula Phelan

Lectors – Cathy Heffernan, Julie Pope, Lee Haramis, Jr. **Ushers** – Steve Sirbaugh, Mike Davenport, Harvey Granger

Altar Guild – Drew Haramis, Bunny Manning, Barbara Irving, J. J. Howell, Adrienne Kent,

Ruth Granger, Celeste Heller, Anne Gorman **Flower Guild** – Festival Team

Music Notes

A warm welcome to Andy Clarke, who is subbing for James at the organ while he is on vacation for Thanksgiving.

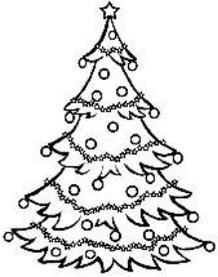
This evening's hymns, anthems, and voluntaries include seasonal chestnuts of the Anglican repertoire, like Greene's "Thou visitest the earth", a Thanksgiving classic.

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Parish News – November 24, 2021

Service Opportunity: Angel Tree

Help those in need this Christmas through our annual Angel Tree. Simply take angels off the tree, shop for the items listed on the angels, and return gifts by Sunday, December 12.



Coming Soon!! - Christmas Tree Lot

St. Mark's Christmas tree lot benefiting youth missions opens the day after Thanksgiving (Nov. 26) from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Youth Center deck. Please stop by early for the best selection! We welcome volunteers to help with tree sales and to help unload trees Thanksgiving morning at 7:30 a.m. If you would like to help, contact Nic Mandolini, Director of Youth Ministry, for more information at (813) 447-9975. After our opening day, hours will be 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. weekends and 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. weekdays.

Advent Fair – Sunday, November 28

Join us for our annual Advent Fair outdoors between the Youth Center and Gift Shop at 10 a.m. Stop by for Advent wreath making, kids activities, Christmas trees, Red Lion Gift Shop gifts and luminaria kits. A donation of \$15/wreath is appreciated.



Safari Lions Advent Party

Safari Lions join us Monday, November 29, from 6-8 p.m. at the home of Patti Frykberg (4989 Apache Avenue). It is time to get together, so bring your favorite beverage and appetizer and let us usher in the season of Advent! If you have any questions please call the Rev. Nancy Suellau at (904) 327-3948.

Angels for Allison Annual Open House

Join us for drinks, snacks and holiday cheer on Tuesday, November 30 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Angels for Allison (2905 Corinthian Ave.) as we celebrate our Art Contest winners and our 11 years of service to the community. The Art Center Cooperative will have items for sale from their “A Wonderful World” exhibition.

HabiJax Workdays December 3 and 4

Join St. Mark's parishioners and other Episcopalians from our area for workdays at HabiJax on December 3 and 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. HabiJax is a local organization that brings together volunteers to build houses for the less fortunate in our community. Whatever your construction skill level, consider volunteering to help out those in need this holiday season. If you are interested, contact the Rev. William Stokes at (904) 463-0454 for more information.

Sign Up for the Christmas Tableau!!

The Christmas Tableau is right around the corner! This amazing tradition at St. Mark's gets our youngest involved in Christmas Eve as they help retell the Nativity story. The Tableau will take place at the 3 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Children age 3 through 12 can participate. We will practice during Sunday School on December 5, 12 and 19 from 10-11 in Hope House. Dress rehearsal will be December 23 from 1-2:30 in the Church. Parts will be assigned on December 5. Contact Shannon Sanborn to sign up your child at (904) 388-2681 ext. 212 or ssanborn@stmarksjacksonville.org.

EYC Summer Mission Trips – Deadline Extended

Join us this summer and serve on our mission trips! Senior High students (rising 9th-12th grades) will travel to Puerto Rico, June 12-17, and Junior High students (rising 7th-8th grades) will travel to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, June 26-July 2, to serve in the community and build relationships with other followers of Christ. The sign-up deadline has been extended so secure your spot with a \$100 deposit per student today! Contact Nic Mandolini, Director of Youth Ministry, for more information at (813) 447-9975.



To keep up to speed as our diocese continues the search for the IXth Bishop of Florida, go to www.floridabishopsearch.org, where you will find our Diocesan Profile, which tells the story of the Diocese of Florida and what the clergy and laity of the diocese are seeking in next Bishop.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

- Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26 – Church Offices closed
- Thursday, November 25 – 7:30 a.m. – Unloading of the Christmas Trees – Youth Center
- Friday, November 26 – 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Christmas Tree Lot opening day – Youth Center
- Saturday, November 27 – 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Christmas Tree Lot – Youth Center

~The Red Lion Gift Shop is open Thanksgiving Weekend!~
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 26-28, 9 a.m. – 8 .p.m.

Stewardship 2022

Thank you to those who have turned in a pledge to support St. Mark's in 2022! If you haven't yet, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to help ensure that our ministries continue into next year. Make a pledge online by visiting our website at stmarksjacksonville.org/make-a-pledge.

Do you know a parishioner that you think would be a great candidate for the St. Mark's Vestry?

To be eligible to serve on the Vestry, nominees must be: 18 or older, a confirmed member of St. Mark's, committed financially (pledge), willing and available for serving on the vestry and for other committees as necessary and not have served on the Vestry for at least one year prior to the parish meeting.

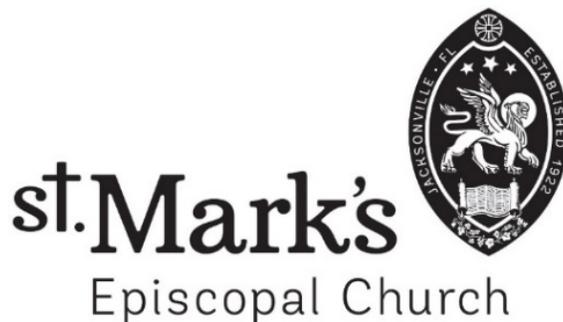
To nominate a parishioner, please contact one of the nominating committee members by Sunday, December 12: William Boozer (william_boozer@comcast.net) Mike Davenport (bammam@comcast.net), Susan DeVino (Susandevino@comcast.net), Judy Lanier (judyphall@comcast.net) and Barbara Stevenson (barb4631@bellsouth.net).

New vestry members will be selected at the annual parish meeting on Sunday, January 30.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or need prayer, or if you need a receptive ear or comforting voice in this challenging environment, please reach out to the clergy. St. Mark's has a public prayer list, read aloud on Sundays and a confidential prayer list, shared only with clergy and the intercessory prayer team. To add a name to one of these prayer lists or to schedule a time to talk or pray or arrange a Home Communion, please use the contact information below.

The Rev. Tom Murray	tmurray@stmarksjacksonville.org	388-2681 ext. 206
The Rev. Cn. Nancy Suellau	nsuellau@stmarksjacksonville.org	388-2681 ext. 204
The Rev. William Stokes	wstokes@stmarksjacksonville.org	388-2681 ext. 211



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Office: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon–Thurs; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fri Gift Shop: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mon–Fri; 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sun

Online giving – stmarksjacksonville.org/give

Text giving – Simply text STMARKSJAX to 73256 to give from your phone