

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: HYMN: 640 WATCHMAN, TELL US OF THE NIGHT

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 A

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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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(S130)

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 Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **GRANT US PEACE.**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

All: 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.

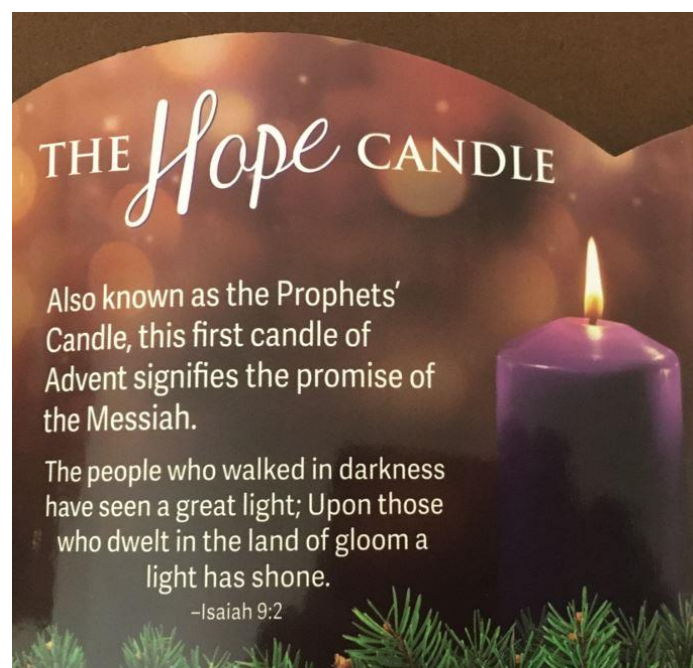
Communion LIGHT AN ADVENT CANDLE (SUNG BY THE CHOIR)

Celebrant and 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.

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

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 53 ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING



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 V FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, for *Kevin* our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, Remembering especially: Calvary, Tamaqua in the Diocese of Bethlehem and Emmanuel Kansuk Parish in Kajo Keji -we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; especially- Cheryl, Monica, Don, Judith, Charlea, Shirley, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Clare, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Diane, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Randy, Joyce, Jonna -Li, Doris, Bill, Dale, Brent, Mae, Robert and Mary Ann and for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, remembering Thomas Hicks, Sr. for in whose memory today's bulletins have been sponsored-and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mark, St. John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

December 3rd, 2023

The First Sunday of Advent

The Rev. Anthony Pompa

Mrs. Karen A. Horvath- Director of Music

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: 61 SLEEPERS AWAKE!, A VOICE ASTOUNDS US

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.**

The Song of Zechariah

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 **HYMN: 68 REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS (VS 1-2) (VS 3)**

The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2024 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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR: In Loving Memory of of Thomas Hicks Jr. and in remembrance of his December 3rd Passing by Nancy Hicks

LAY READER SCHEDULE- 9AM Services

Date	Reading	9:00 AM	
12/03/23	1st Sunday of Advent	Rose Douglas	Jim Pompa Jr.
12/10/23	2nd Sunday of Advent	Sue Ellen Andreas	Zack Baker
12/17/23	3rd Sunday of Advent	Bill Diehm	Tom Lager
12/24/23	4th Sunday of Advent - Christmas Eve 4pm		
12/31/23	1st Sunday After Christmas	Deb Fry	Diane Lager

Angel Tree- Please consider taking a tag from the Angel Tree- found in the Main Vestibule of the Church. The children's names on the tags contain a 'wish list' - These are Children from Carbon County Child and Youth- who are in need. Please return the wrapped gift, place the tag on top of the gift and return it by December 15th. We are looking for Volunteers to deliver those items to the Office- which now is located in Leighton. Volunteers are also needed to inventory gifts- making sure each child received a gift for Christmas.

Vestry Meeting- There will be a Vestry Meeting on December 5th at 6:30pm

Filling Sale- sign up sheets located in Vestibule. Pick up date is December 17th.

Parish Christmas Potluck Dinner- All are welcome to attend the Christmas Dinner - December 17th, 5pm- in the Great Hall. Sign up sheets located in the Vestibule. Please consider bringing a side dish, or dessert. Ham and Turkey will be provided by the Parish.

Poinsettia Orders- Orders with payment are due no later than December 10th.

GREETING CARD REQUEST- Shirley Yanette would like to hear from you! The family contacted the parish office with this request. **Shirley is now residing at Forest Hills 1000 Evergreen Lane-Weatherly, PA 18255 ROOM 215**

CHOIR PRACTICE- All are welcome to join us for Choir Practice! Wednesday Dec 6th & 13th at 7pm- Tolman House

2024 Bulletin and Altar Flower Sponsorship Calendar- please see insert for available dates. The Communion Cups are completely available. Call the office to reserve sponsorship.

Did you know? Most of the items in our pantry are funded by Thrivent. What is Thrivent? Thrivent provides funding for non-profit organizations and helps with programs such as our Food Pantry. To learn more about Thrivent and how you can become involved in helping - please see Tom and Diane Lager or visit www.thrivent.com.

Blessing Box- Items most needed: Canned Soup, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Peanut Butter, Non-Peanut Spreads, Jelly, Crackers, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Beef, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Potatoes, Dry Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta, Baby Items, Socks and Toiletry Items. Thank you!

SICK AND HOMEBOUND- Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Judith, Charlea, Shirley, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Clare, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Diane, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Randy, Joyce, Jonna -Li, Doris, Bill, Dale, Brent, Mae, Robert and Mary Ann **If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office**

December Service Schedule- Sunday Services are at 9am

December 3rd - Fr. Tony

December 10th- Morning Prayer

December 17th - Morning Prayer

December 24th- Fr. Bob 4pm Christmas Eve

December 31st- Morning Prayer

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Parish office hours: Monday through Friday, 9:30am– 1:30pm.

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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Sue Urban

Treasurer

Bill Diehm



Welcomes You

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

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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