

St. Luke's Table

ST. MARK'S MEMORY TREE

Service of Thanksgiving and Peace

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Look up and raise
your heads, because
your redemption
is drawing near.

Luke 21.28



Our Memory Tree has been donated by Kyle Millett

Good Morning and Welcome!

Service of Mid-Day Prayer
(Book of Alternative Services)



Hope

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**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 neighbours 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.**

Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Memory Tree Blessing

Holy Creator of Trees, bless with your abundant grace
this our Memorial Christmas Tree as a symbol of peace.
May its evergreen branches be a sign
of your never-fading promises.

May its colourful lights and ornaments call us to
decorate with love our homes and our world.

Holy Christmas Tree outside of St. Mark's,
may Hope and Peace and Joy and Love
come and nest in your branches and in our hearts.

Amen.

Psalm Prayer

O God, the source of all life,
you have filled the earth with beauty.
Open our eyes to see your gracious hand
in all your works, that rejoicing in your whole creation
we may learn to serve you with gladness,
for the sake of him
through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Sunday of Advent: HOPE

Today we light the first candle,
the Candle of Hope.

The people of Israel hoped in God's promises
and were not disappointed.

Again and again God delivered Israel
from its enemies.

We too have the same experience of salvation.
That is why we believe in God's promise
to send Jesus to us once again to judge the world
and establish his kingdom forever upon the earth



(The Candle of Hope is Lit)

Overflow with Hope, Beerhorst, Rick and Brenda

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place.
As we look at the light of this candle
we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Musical Prayer

These Candles Shine with Glorious Light

**This candle shines with glorious light,
a word of hope to those in night.
It brightly shines in night's dark day,
and shows the hope God gives today.**

**Give hope, O Lord, to us this day,
make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our Hope, our King, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.**

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on 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 fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.

If we live by the Spirit,
let us also walk by the Spirit.

(Galatians 5.22, 23a, 25)

First Reading:

Isaiah 64: 1-9



St. Hedwig of Silesia Listening to a Reading -- Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA

Isaiah 64: 1-9

64:1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

64:2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

64:3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

64:4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

64:5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

64:7 There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

64:8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

64:9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18, (alternating verses)

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

**O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

**And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
our good shepherd; you have led us
to the kingdom of your Father's love.
Forgive our careless indifference
to your loving care for all your creatures,
and remake us in the likeness
of your new and risen life.
We ask this in your name. Amen.**

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9



Knowledge, Robert Lewis Reid, Library of Congress
Washington, DC

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

1:5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind--

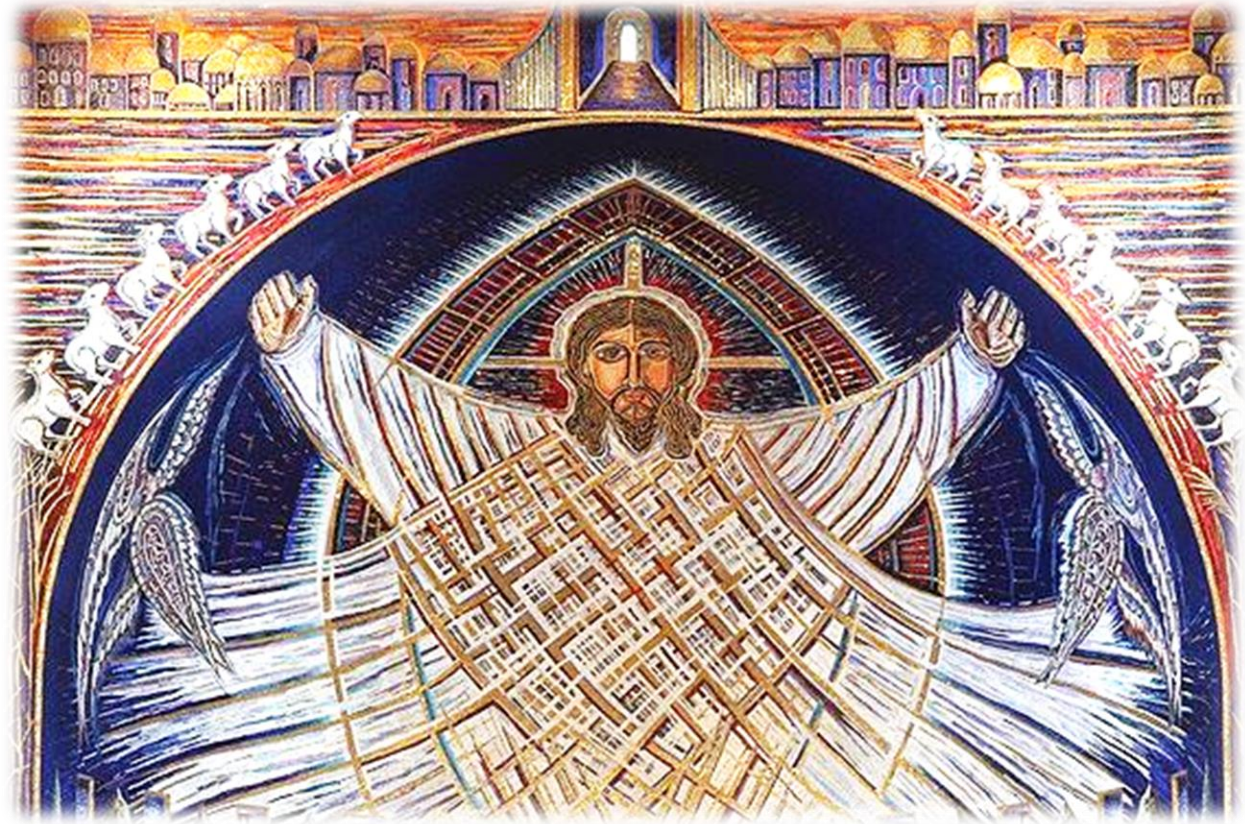
1:6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--

1:7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1:8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1:9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Good News:
The Gospel of Christ
according to
Mark 13: 24-37



Christ in Glory -- Apse mosaic, Church of the
Transfiguration, Barnstable County, MA

Hymn:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Reading of Memorial Names

Led by Joanne Eldershaw



Shores on the Road to Hope, Hoherd, Daniel

Hymn

Let There Be Light

Reading of Memorial Names

Led by Jerry Cavanaugh



Hymn

Silent Night

Reading of Memorial Names

Led by Shelly Hubley



Tree of Hope, Leuthold, Julie

Prayer over the Gifts

**God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night



A PRAYER FOR THE OPENING OF THE SOUTH SHORE LOBSTER SEASON

Our eternal and gracious Lord God,
whose mercy is over all your works,
whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of
the earth, who alone spreads out the heavens,
and who rules the raging of the sea;
we praise and exalt your holy Name.

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We commend to your almighty protection,
your servants, all lobster fishermen and their crews,
for whose preservation on the deep
our prayers are desired.

Guard them we beseech you,
from the perils of the sea.

Grant your grace and almighty protection
in all their endeavors

Keep them diligent in their several callings,
according to their abilities and opportunities,
and direct them in all their ways.
Defend them from all dangers and adversities,
from sickness and injuries,
from the malevolent intentions of dark spirits,
and from every evil to which they may be exposed.

Be graciously pleased to take them under your fatherly care and protection, and conduct them to the safe haven where they would be, with a sense of your merciful providence towards them, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for.

These things and whatever else
you can see to be necessary
and convenient to them,
we humbly petition, through the merits
and meditation of our only advocate,
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

Hymn:
Eternal Father Strong to Save



Prayers of
the People
Offered by
Shelly Hubley



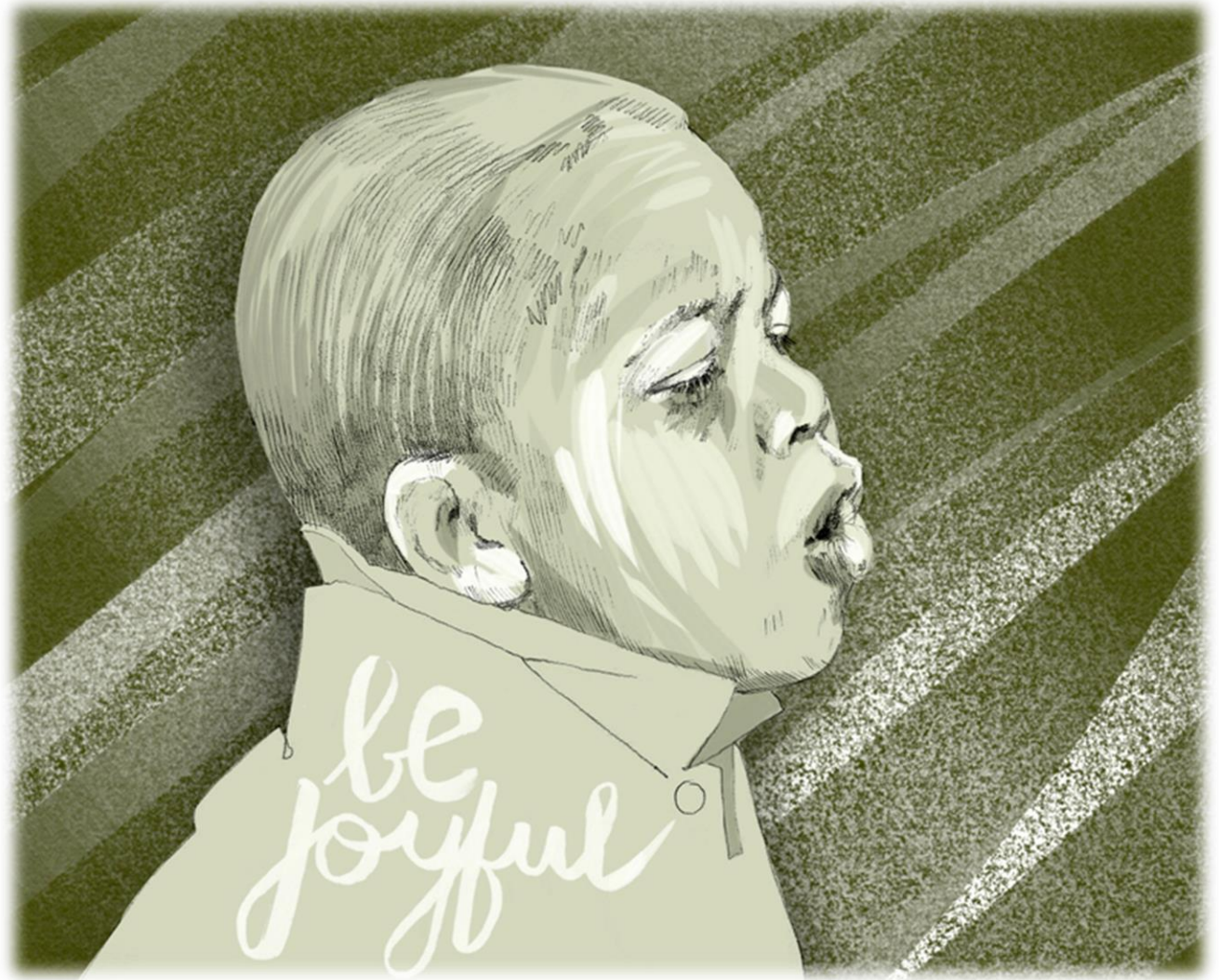
Rose McClendon in Prayer -- Richmond Barthe,
Fallingwater, PA

The Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn:
Joy to the World



Making Joyful Noise, Murtaugh, Susan

St. Mark's is now closed for the winter
Services resume at St. Mark's on Easter Sunday, April 4th, 2021

Parish Advent Services continue at St. Luke's Hubbards:
December 6th, 13th and 20th at 10:45 am
Services are livestreamed and recorded for later viewing
Check out our website for more information: twocoves.ca
or Like Us on Facebook

Thanks be to God!
Thank you for donating to our Memory Tree
The tree will be lit later today.
Enjoy it's beautiful light along our shores!



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