

**Mark Dunn** hails from the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Mark's interest in all things liturgical began in his church at an early age. He took his Baccalaureate degree in organ performance from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth and his Master's degree in Sacred Music from Westminster Choir College in Princeton. In between, he was introduced to Jewish music in Fort Worth, TX in the early 1990's when he began as organist and choir director of Temple Beth El. After five years as Editor of Transcontinental Music Publications in Manhattan, he began—or rather took up again—teaching early childhood music.

Presently, he is the music teacher for 300 3-4 year olds in Elizabeth. He also serves as Director of Music for First Lutheran Church, Montclair, NJ; and Temple B'nai Abraham, Livingston, NJ. Additionally, he is a Ph.D. candidate in Theology through a joint program with the Graduate Theological Foundation and Oxford University. This past summer, he took his first annual vows as a monk in the Order of St. Benedict.