

Third Sunday of Advent; Year B

Welcome to St. Mark's!

Music in Preparation for Liturgy

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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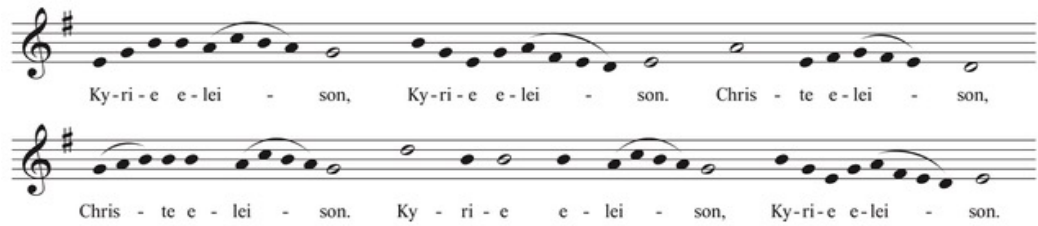
The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, rejoice.
People: Let your gentleness be known to everyone; truly, the Lord is near.
(Philippians 4:4-5)

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Kyrie eleison



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The Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalms 126

In convertendo



- 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 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Sequence Hymn



1. Life of the world, for - ev - er new, Light that can nev - er fade, _____
2. Lov - ing our life, you made it new, res - cu - ing what was lost. _____
3. By your first ad - vent, Hum - ble One, claim us as just and true. _____



Heal - ing for all who turn to you, Seek - er of sheep that stray, _____
Strength-ened by joy, we bring to you thanks that you bore the cost. _____
And by your se - cond, con - qu'ring Sun, li - ber - ate us with you, _____



you saw our trou - ble, left your throne a - bove, _____
Re - store us, soul and bo - dy, by your grace _____
that shin - ing in the light of new - born day _____



and came to give us cour - age by your love.
that we may be your light - filled dwell - ing place.
we fol - low where your steps will lead the way.

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The Holy Gospel John 1:6-8,19-28

¶*The Gospeller introduces the Gospel and the people respond with “Glory to you, Lord Christ.”*
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.
¶*The Gospeller concludes the Gospel and the people respond with “Praise to you, Lord Christ.”*

The Sermon The Rev’d Rita Powell

The Nicene Creed

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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially _____; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

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

[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

¶The Celebrant will add a concluding Collect, and the congregation will respond with "Amen".

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant: 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.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sursum Corda S-120

Celebrant



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: [...] 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

Missa Emmanuel

arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
and Christopher Putnam (1967-2018)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might: heav - en and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant: [...] Therefore according to his command, O Father,
People: **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues [...] 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.

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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The Lord’s Prayer S-119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

The Celebrant chants the first line, then all join in.

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us:
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Agnus Dei

Veni Emmanuel
arr. George Emblom, 2017

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

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Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.**
But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

A Form for Spiritual Communion

In times like these where it is imprudent or impossible for all to receive Holy Communion, it is still possible to make an act of spiritual communion. The following devotion can be made at any time when you are prevented from being present at the Eucharist, but we encourage you to use it during these weeks of live-streamed services especially, at the time while communion is being administered and the ablutions performed. This form comes from a book of devotion, "The Habit of Holiness," by Martin Warner.

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion to unite your intention with that of the whole Church:

Lord Jesus Christ, saving Victim, Priest divine,
in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church
where your body and blood are offered to the Father,
I make an oblation of praise and thanksgiving.
I believe that you are truly present in the Eucharist.
To you I offer my soul, my body, and my life.
Come to my heart, embrace me with your love.
Conform my will to the pattern of your perfect obedience,
so that loving all that you love, I may never be separated from you,
but live to the glory of God. Amen.

Pray the Lord's Prayer:

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.

Meditate on the soul's mystical union with Christ; 14th c. poem, 'Anima Christi' is a good place to start:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever.

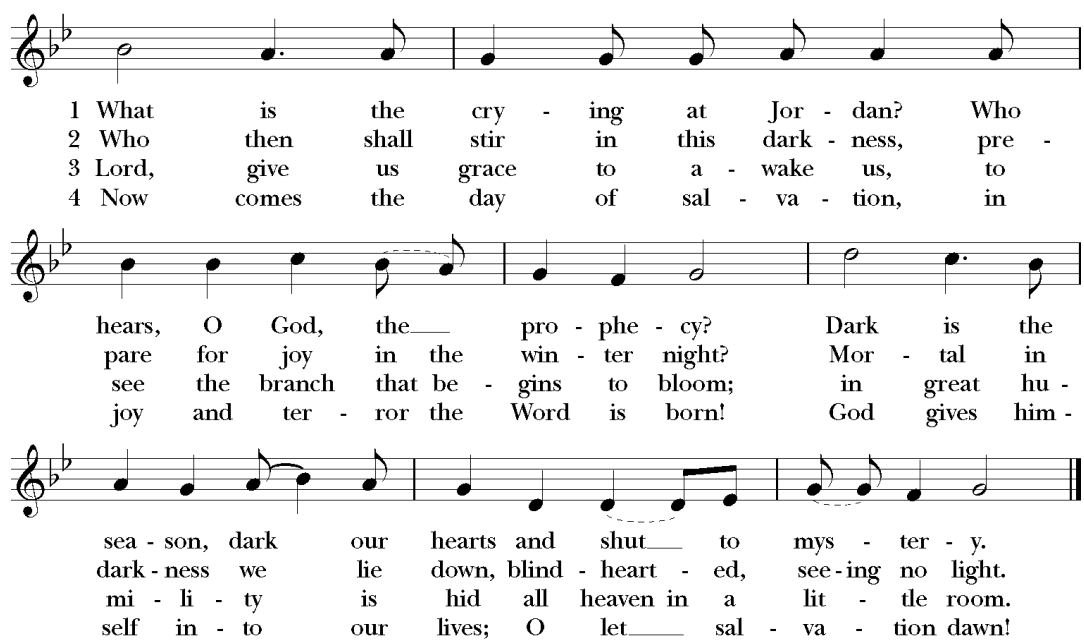
Offer a prayer of thanksgiving; this is one by St. Richard of Chichester:

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast won for me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Grace

+The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Communion Hymn 69



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Post-Communion Prayer
All: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Advent Blessing
Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal
Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn WLP 724



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



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Postlude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Bach

All are invited to join us for virtual coffee hour via Zoom.

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The Rose Vestments

The Rose Vestments traditionally worn twice yearly on Advent III and Lent IV, have been donated by Paul Sporer and Nigel Renton. These two Sundays, called Gaudate and Laetare, respectively, offer a lightening of the seasonal disciplines.

The set was presented and blessed on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 1998.

Christmastide at Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 20, 4:30 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (Livestream)

Thursday, December 24, 4:30 p.m.

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Family Eucharist (Livestream)

Thursday, December 24, 10:30 p.m.


The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Holy Eucharist (Livestream)

Friday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist (Zoom)

Sunday, December 27, 10:00 a.m.

The First Sunday after Christmas: Morning Prayer (Livestream)



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Guest Preacher:
This morning, St. Mark’s welcomes The Rev. Rita Powell as our guest preacher. Rev. Powell is the Episcopal Chaplain at Harvard. Rita earned her BA from Barnard College of Columbia University, and her M.Div from Yale Divinity School. She spent a long stretch living and working with the monastic community in Taizé, France, and also served as the Youth Missioner in the Diocese of South Dakota for several years before coming to Boston as the Associate Rector for Liturgy and Music at Trinity Church in Copley Square. She lives in Belmont with her husband and two children.

St. Mark’s Parish Prayer List

In our Parish: Liturgical Ministries – Acolytes, Vergers, Crucifers, Bidders, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Guild, Flower Guild and Worship Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Falkland Islands

We pray for peace and justice in the world:

- *For an end to all prejudice and wrongful discrimination.*
- *For Earth; for the wisdom and commitment to care for it through our practices.*
- *For the people serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, domestically and throughout the world.*
- *For those who find themselves homeless, hungry, and without proper resources.*
- *For refugees everywhere.*

We pray for those with illness or with other needs:

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| • Sean Aaberg | • Everett Kinney | • Caroline Rone |
| • Bill Anderson | • Anthony (Sandy) Knettel | • Lisa Rowe |
| • Christy Blessing | • Gus Koerber | • Virginia Ruff |
| • Barbara Borsch | • Ann Lack | • Doris Strakosch |
| • Brian Brende | • Corrie Lassen | • Paul Strid |
| • Cain family | • Ben Lesser | • Teresa Vosper |
| • Rosemary Campos | • Louise Lindsay | • Alice Vest |
| • Geoff Chin | • Joan Ludlam | • Jane Weidman |
| • Roberta Cleveland | • Neil McGraw | • Diane Whiteside |
| • Geoffrey Cook | • Tim Main | • Wilkinson Family |
| • Michael Cook | • Bob Mills | • Jamey Williams |
| • Emily Crowley | • Rita Minjares | • Michael Willmore |
| • Wren Donato | • Judy Moore | • Fran Youtzy |
| • The Rev’d Michael Dresbach | • Bob Morgan | • Jose and Kim |
| • Dale Evans | • Curtis Morgan | • Jonathan |
| • Richard Dean Evans | • Virginia Muller | • Sara |
| • Deborah and Murray Flagg | • Jean O’Meara | • Lynn and Drew |
| • Barbara Forsstrom | • Jim Pehling | • Betty Anne |
| • Barbara Fuller | • Peter Piccione | • Barbara |
| • Martha Greenough | • Emeline Pineda | • The Haverty family |
| • Tokie Ishiguro | • Cindy Pierce | • Chloe Allman and family |
| • Andrew Howarth | • Lesa Day Reed | • John |
| • Leonard Johnson | • Barbara Renton | • Bob |
| • Betty Key | • Cynthia Reynolds | |
| | • Eileen Rice | |

We pray for those awaiting or recovering from surgery:

- Mark Harville •Michael Starkman •Logan Learned •Wendy Wisely •Evelyn Larsen

We pray for those who have died:

- Robert Cabrera •Dennis Eimoto •Mary Lou Pape

To add a name, change a listing, or share a date of importance on the parish prayer list, please email the Parish Administrator directly at office@stmarksberkeley.org. Be sure to specify which list best suits the need. Please be mindful that this list is meant specifically for parish prayers. The list will be refreshed throughout the year.

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Office Hours

At the time we would normally be in the chapel for the weekday masses -- 12pm on Wednesdays and Fridays -- Fr. Hiller and Fr. Blake will host an hour's worth of "public office hours" for conversation about prayer, faith, or anything else on your minds. Following our usual pattern, Fr. Hiller will take Friday and Fr. Blake will take Wednesday. Check out the Lion for links.

Christmas Goody Bags from our Childcare Coordinator - Since the Christmas Eve Family Eucharist will be virtual, we wanted to give you a chance to partake in the festivities at home. If you are interested in getting a goody bag with a nativity sticker activity and some treats! Please email childcare@stmarksberkeley.org, or call Shelby at 510-228-5925. She needs to contact me by 12/20. She will be at St. Mark's on the 13th and 20th, if you would like to pick up a bag or have it dropped off at your address.

Advent Opportunities with George!

Tuesday, December 15 and 22 at 4:00 p.m. - Advent Tea with George Emblom: Everyone is welcome! Bring a drink and a snack of your choice and share in conversation and poetry reading.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89286388568?pwd=ZjdMYWZ6VlhVRFI0STdrSEhPemFKQT09>
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* AND *

Thursday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m. - Advent Elevenses with George Emblom: Everyone is welcome! Bring a drink and snack of your choice and share in conversation and some poetry reading.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89102972964?pwd=R2IvZ2dmR1gvNVZ3Qm8zY2Yzc2ZTZz09>
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Thank you to those who have made their 2021 pledge!

Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far! Your support is always appreciated! Thus far, we have received 72 pledges totaling \$266,195. If you haven't pledged yet, remember you can pledge online or download a pledge card and email it to office@stmarksberkeley.org or mail it to 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704. More information can be for in our Weekly Lion.

Parish Conversations on Racial Justice

Our Sacred Ground program is underway! It's not too late to join, even now. Please just reach out to Toni or Fr. Blake if you'd like to sign up.

December InAsMuch Offering for the PAWS Fund

If you wish to donate to the December InAsMuch Appeal for PAWS Fund send a check (made out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, with PAWS Fund on the memo line) to the Parish Office at 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 or use the Parish website:
<https://www.stmarksberkeley.org/donate/>

The monthly InAsMuch Offering at St. Mark's is named after Jesus' challenge in the Gospel of Matthew to give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, take care of the sick, and visit those in prison: *"Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these . . . , you have done it unto me."*

The PAWS Fund was organized in the East Bay in 2011 and granted nonprofit status by the IRS in 2013. Here is their website: <http://pawfund.org/> THANK YOU for your generosity!

- The Social Justice Committee of St. Mark's

The View from Saint Luke - Join us as we follow the ministry and teaching of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. We're in the middle of the Sermon on the Plain. Should you have any questions, please contact Fr. Hiller at priestly@batnet.com. Blessings to you.

The link for every Monday evening at 7:00 is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89767873221?pwd=Ti9vT3VRVlVhVRFI0STdrSEhPemFKQT09>.

Weekly Meditation sessions are via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

We will start by listening to a short teaching related to the meditation process and then we will meditate for 20 - 25 minutes. There will be an opportunity for questions and/or discussion, and the evening will end with Compline. These sessions will be suitable for long-time meditators as well as those who have been thinking about starting a meditation practice. For questions - Barbara Koerber (b_koerber@comcast.net).

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MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note from the Director of Music:

“What is the crying at Jordan?” (Hymn 69 in The Hymnal 1982) was written by **Carol Christopher Drake**, a member of St. Mark’s Choir in the 1950s. It voices a response to John the Baptist’s “crying in the wilderness,” of his demand that people change their lives in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. She wrote this text specifically for the present tune, St. Mark’s, Berkeley, which in her words “evoked a sense of mystery and awe.” The tune’s first American use was in the children’s songbook “Sing for Joy,” compiled and edited by **Norman and Margaret Mealy**, who “were attracted to it for its haunting and simple quality.” It came from a Gaelic collection, Dánta Dé (Dublin 1928). The tune had no name in Dánta Dé. A former beloved choirmaster of St. Mark’s, Norman named it for St. Mark’s, Berkeley, his home parish, where he served as choirmaster from 1948-1962. He also served as Professor of Church Music at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific - Episcopal (CDSP) in Berkeley from 1952-1987 and at the Graduate Theological Union from 1976-1987. We thank Norman and Meg for this gift to the church here and at large. Meg passed away this year on September 13. Here is a link to her obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=margaret-mealy&pid=196818730>. Philip Moore, the retired organist of York Minster in England arranged the piece for SATB chorus. The St. Mark’s Choir has offered this setting in years past.

You are cordially invited to attend the Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital Series sponsored by St. Mark’s, Berkeley, TODAY, December 13. Evensong will be offered at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom, followed by an organ recital offered by Christopher Keady at 4:00 p.m. via Livestream. The Zoom reception will follow the organ recital, approximately at 4:50 p.m.

O Sapientia: The beginning of the O Antiphons - Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Log onto Zoom and share in a second carol-singing intergenerational opportunity with George Emblom on the eve of the O Antiphons. If you would like to request a carol to be sung, please contact George at music@stmarksberkeley.org no later than noon on Monday, December 14 at noon.

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Events This Week at St. Mark’s

<u>Sunday, December 13</u>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent – John 1:6-8, 19-28</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
3:00 p.m.	Evensong	Zoom
4:00 p.m.	Organ Recital	Livestream
4:50 p.m.	Organ Recital Reception	Zoom
<u>Monday, December 14</u>		
7:00 p.m.	Luke Bible Study	Zoom
<u>Tuesday, December 15</u>		
4:00 p.m.	Advent Tea with George	Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Regathering Committee	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Meditation and Compline	Zoom
<u>Wednesday, December 16</u>		
12:00 p.m.	Office Hours with Fr. Blake	Zoom
6:00 p.m.	O Sapientia	Zoom
<u>Thursday, December 17</u>		
11:00 a.m.	Advent Elevenses with George	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	Zoom
<u>Friday, December 18</u>		
12:00 p.m.	Office Hours with Fr. Hiller	Zoom
<u>Saturday, December 19</u>		
4:30 p.m.	Hot Meals for the Hungry	Bancroft Way
<u>Sunday, December 20</u>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent – Luke 1:26-38</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
4:30 p.m.	A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	Livestream
6:00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols Reception	Zoom