ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2300 BANCROFT WAY BERKELEY, CALIF.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20); Year B

19 September 2021

10:00 a.m.



Welcome to St. Mark's!

This summer at St. Mark's we began a "soft reopening" to inperson worship. We had hoped to open fully in September, but the Delta variant has intervened.

The service remains in a "pared-down" state for the moment, as we adjust to the remaining COVID-safety requirements. Please wear your mask throughout the service, removing it only to make your communions (communion will be administered in one kind only, standing, at the head of the center aisle; once you have received the Host, move to one of the communion stations at the head of either side aisle to remove your mask and consume the Host).

All clergy and other worship leaders have been fully vaccinated. If you are worshiping with us by livestream, a very warm welcome to you as well—please be patient with us as we work out the kinks entailed in the new camera position.

The COVID-19 restrictions are challenging, but by God's grace and your goodwill, we will be able to continue worship with all joy and thanksgiving.

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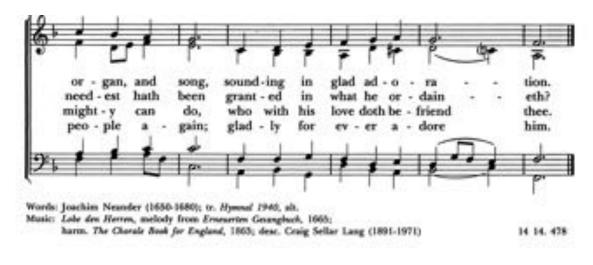
Music in preparation for worship

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Entrance Rite

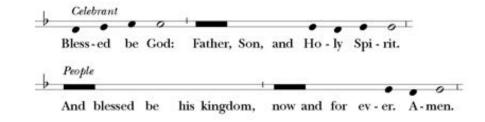
Entrance Hymn 390





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The Opening Acclamation



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.**

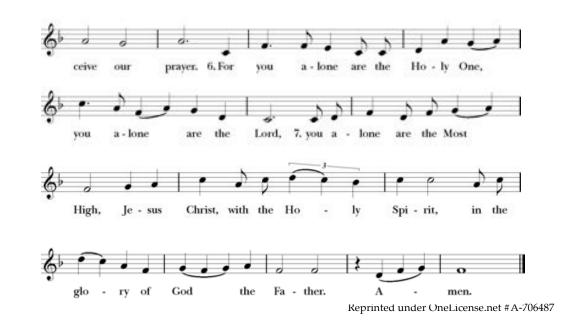


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Gloria in excelsis S-280

Powell





The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16—2:1, 12-22

THE UNGODLY BY THEIR WORDS AND DEEDS SUMMONED DEATH; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the

end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected." Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.



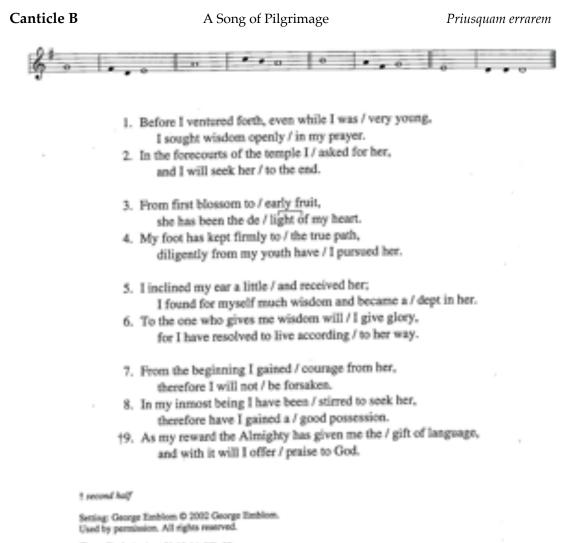
Save me, O God, by your / Name;*
 in your / might, defend my cause.
Hear my / prayer, O God;*
 give ear to the / words of my mouth.
For the arrogant have risen up against me,
 and the ruthless have / sought my life,*
 those who have / no regard for God.
Behold, God is my / helper;*
 it is the Lord / who sustains my life.
Render evil to those who / spy on me;*
 in your faithful/ness, destroy them.
I will offer you a freewill / sacrifice*
 and praise your Name, O / LORD, for it is good.
For you have rescued me from every / trouble,*
 and my eye has seen the / ruin of my foes.

Second Lesson

James 3: 13—4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOU? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.



Text: Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b-22

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

"The Gospeller introduces the Gospel and the people respond with "Glory to you, Lord Christ."

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES PASSED THROUGH GALILEE. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospeller concludes the Gospel and the people respond with "Praise to you, Lord Christ."

The Sermon

All:

The Rev. Canon Lizette Larson-Miller

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. 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, especially _____; that your will for them may be fulfilled and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: And we name the following from our community who have gone before us as we remember the anniversary of their death this week:

Marion Zimmer Bradley, September 25, 1999 Lloyd Hoffmann, September 25, 1983 Gertrude Yost, September 24, 1981 Edmund Flick, September 19, 1963

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 responds with "Amen".

Confession of Sin

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

¶There is silence for a time, then:

- 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 Anthem

The Lamb John Taverner (1944 - 2013)

William Blake (1757 – 1827), Songs of Innocence, #4

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed, By the stream and o'er the mead Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing woolly, bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee He is callèd by thy name For He calls Himself a Lamb He is meek, and He is mild: He became a little child. I a child, and thou a lamb We are callèd by His name. Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

Offertory Hymn 660





The Great Thanksgiving

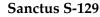
Eucharistic Prayer A

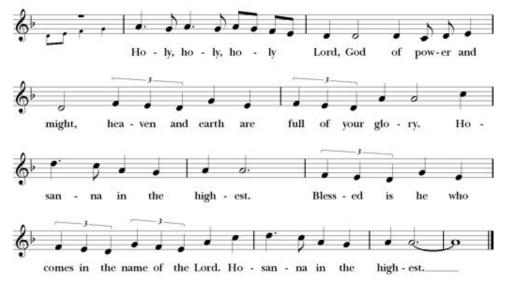
BCP, p. 361

Sursum Corda S-120



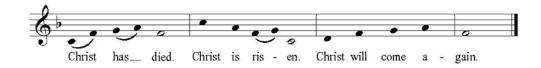
Celebrant:[...] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





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Celebrant: [...] Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Celebrant: *continues* [...] through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **Amen**.

The Great Amen



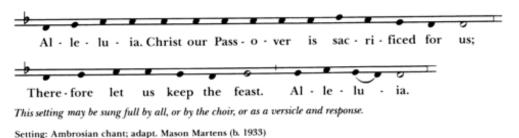
The Lord's Prayer S-119



Fraction Anthem

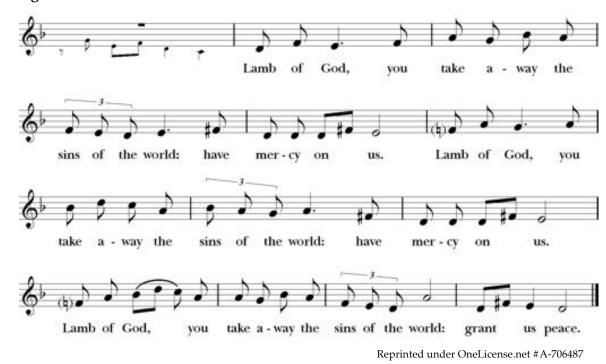
Agnus Dei S-163

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









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.

Communion Music Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesus Christ, BWV 639 J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ, I have none other help but thee. My heart is never set at rest till thy sweet word have comforted me. And steadfast faith grant me therefore, to hold by thy word evermore, above all thing, never resisting but to increase in faith more and more.

-*Miles Coverdale* (1487-1568)

Communion Hymn





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.

The Blessing

¶The Celebrant will bless the people.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People:In the name of Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn 379





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Postlude

Lobe den Herren (Hymn 390)

Max Reger (1873 – 1916)

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

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To send a general message to the vestry you can email: vestry@stmarksberkeley.org

St. Mark's Parish Prayer List

In our Parish: Fellowship Groups – Bridge Club, Fover Groups, YADAs, UC Berkeley Canterbury Evensong & Fellowship

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda

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.

• Everett Kinney

• Gus Koerber

• Corrie Lassen

• Neil McGraw

• Geoff Logan

• Ben Lesser

• Tim Main

• For refugees everywhere.

We pray for those with illness or with other needs:

• Bill Anderson • Barbara Borsch

- Cain family
- Iris Čommins
- Geoffrey Cook
- Michael Cook
- Emily Crowley
- Ionathan Dimmock
- Nancy Ditzler
- Tristan Donato
- Wren Donato
- The Rev'd Michael Dresbach Curtis Morgan
- Dale Evans
- Elizabeth Falk
- Ronald Greene
- Martha Greenough • *Haverty family*
- Holly Herr
- Diana Hilliard
- Andrew Howarth

• Leonard Johnson

• Bob Mills • Chris, Alice, Ethan & Hailey Moore

• Karin Milliman

- Judy Moore
- Virginia Muller
- Jean O'Meara
- Oanh Nguyen
- Jim Pehling
- Peter Piccione
- Emeline Pineda
- Lynn Poland
- - Laird

We pray for those awaiting or recovering from surgery:

•*Mark Harville* •*Michael Starkman*

We pray for those who have died:

• Frank Paine • Robert Sullivan • Edith Ho • Janet Morgan • Cunthia Reynolds • Leona Schaefer

• Paul Luersen • Melvin Hayle • Michael Morgan • Roberta Cleveland • Peter Foley • Rev. Doe Yates

• Lesa Day Reed • Karen Wilson • Norman Macdonald

- Barbara Renton • Caroline Rone
 - Lisa Rowe
 - Virginia Ruff
 - Kimberly Steil

 - Doris Strakosch
 - Drew and Lydia Tweedale
 - Teresa Vosper
 - Alice Vest
 - Wayne Weng
 - Louis Weil
 - Diane Whiteside
 - Jean Widaman
 - Wilkinson Family • Jamey Williams
 - Michael Willmore

 - Wendy Wisely
 - Fran Youtzy
 - Jose and Kim
 - Barbara
 - Bryan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Generation to Generation

The Prayers of the People will now include the recitation of the names of those from the St. Mark's Community who have passed away during that week in ages past, specifically from the Sunday to the following Saturday. At the end of the reading of the names, the bidder will invite the congregation to name others as well. In the Jewish tradition, such a list is called the Yahrzeit list. Creating this list is a labor of love, a work in progress, and a list with many intricacies that will continued to be fine-tuned as time goes on. The important thing for the parish community is that we name and remember those who have loved, built, sustained, and enriched the St. Mark's Community. George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959) captures these sentiments beautifully in the following hymn text:

Our Father, by whose servants our house was built of old, Whose hand hath crowned her children with blessing manifold, For thine unfailing mercies far-strewn along our way, With all who passed before us, we praise thy Name today. The changeful years unresting their silent course have sped, new comrades ever bringing in comrades' steps to tread: And some are long forgotten, long spent their hopes and fears; safe rest they in thy keeping, who changest not with years. They reap not where they labored; we reap what they have sown: our harvest may be garnered by ages yet unknown. The days of old have dowered us with gifts beyond all praise: our Father, make us faithful to serve the coming days.

-Hymn 289 from *The Hymnal* 1982

InAsMuch Offering for September—The United Thank Offering

Coordinated by the Social Justice Committee, St. Mark's sponsors a monthly InAsMuch offering named after Jesus' appeal in the Gospel of Matthew to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit those in prison: "In as much as you have done it into one of the least of these . . . you have done it unto me". Last month St. Mark's raised funds for The Suitcase Clinic in Berkeley. This month we dedicate our offering to The United Thank Offering (UTO), a ministry of The Episcopal Church which awards grants to parishes, dioceses, and other charitable organizations throughout the United States and the world-wide Anglican Communion. In 2021 UTO has so far raised over \$1,0390, 000 in two rounds of Covid-19 grants for health-care and economic relief. The focus for the 2022 grants will be on "Care of Creation: Turning Love into Action by caring for God's creation by protecting the most vulnerable through justice, advocacy, and environmental reparation." St. Mark's contribution to UTO this month will be presented with offerings from many other churches and individuals in the Diocese of California at an annual Ingathering at Diocesan Convention in October. For more information about UTO and the ministries it supports, see www.unitedthankoffering.org. To donate to the September appeal, please place a check made out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church (with UTO on the memo line) in the offering plate on Sundays or mail it to the Parish Office at 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704. You may also contribute on line using the parish website <u>https://stmarksberkelv.org/donate/</u>. Thank you for your generosity! The Social Justice Committee of St. Mark's.

Welcome from the Campus Ministry to UC Berkeley!

As we enter into the new school year with all of its excitement and possibilities (in all senses), Tom Poynor, the Episcopal Chaplain to Cal, wants all students to know that there is a place for them to connect, be supported, and get some free coffee! Tom hopes to meet you soon and encourages you to be in touch. Please send an email to <u>calcanterbury@gmail.com</u> and Tom will be in touch soon. Welcome (or welcome back), and Fiat Lux!

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. Questions - contact <u>b_koerber@comcast.net.https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89607974966?pwd=a1F1K1IOQVZTUit3SCtvZ2UzaHpOUT09</u> Meeting ID: 896 0797 4966 / Passcode: 6043 / One tap mobile: +16699009128

WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

<u>Sunday, 19 September</u>	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost —	- Mark 9:30-37
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave & Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
Monday, 20 September		
4:00 p.m.	Suitcase Clinic	
Tuesday, 21 SeptemberMatthew, Apostle and Evangelist		
5:30 p.m.	Regathering Committee	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Meditation and Compline	Zoom
<u>Wednesday, 22 September</u>		
5:00 p.m.	Bridge Group	Lion's Hall
Sunday, 26 September Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Mark 9:38-50		
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave & Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom