

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2300 BANCROFT WAY
BERKELEY, CALIF. 94704

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18); Year B

5 September 2021

10:00 a.m.



Welcome to St. Mark's!

This summer at St. Mark's we began a "soft reopening" to in-person 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.



Music in preparation for worship

Prayer

André Fleury (1903 – 1995)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Entrance Rite

Entrance Hymn 371

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.
Music: Moscoso, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796), harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant
Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, — have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy.

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

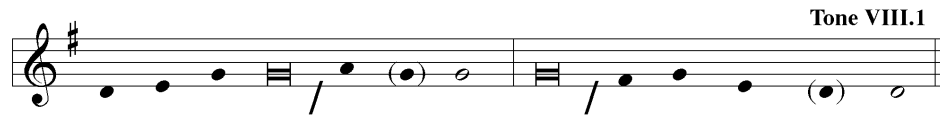
SAY TO THOSE WHO ARE OF A FEARFUL HEART, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalms 146

Lauda, anima mea

Tone VIII.1

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, / O my soul!*
- I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
- I will sing praises to my God while I / have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any / child of earth,*
- for there / is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they re/turn to earth,*
- and in that day / their thoughts perish.



- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help!*
whose hope is / in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them;*
who keeps his pro/mise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed,*
and food to / those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the / blind;*
the LORD lifts up those / who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the / stranger;*
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way / of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for / ever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. / Hallelujah!

Second Lesson

James 2: 1-10-17

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, DO YOU WITH YOUR ACTS OF FAVORITISM REALLY BELIEVE IN OUR GLORIOUS LORD JESUS CHRIST? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Sequence Hymn 568

1 Fa - ther all lov - ing, who rul - est in ma - jes - ty,
2 Bless - ed Lord Je - sus, who cam - est in pov - er - ty,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, cre - ate in us ho - li - ness,
4 Ho - li - est Trin - i - ty, per - fect in u - ni - ty,

judg - ment is thine, and con - demn - eth our pride;
shar - ing a sta - ble with beasts at thy birth,
lift up our lives to thy stand - ard of right;
bind in thy love ev - ery na - tion and race;

stir up our lead - ers and peo - ples to pen - i - tence,
stir us to work for thy jus - tice and char - i - ty,
stir ev - ery will to new ven - tures of faith - ful - ness,
may we a - dore thee for time and e - ter - ni - ty,

sor - row for sins that for ven - geance have cried,
tru - ly to care for the poor of the earth,
flood the whole Church with thy glo - ri - ous light,
Fa - ther, Re - deem - er, and Spi - rit of grace,

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

¶The Gospeller introduces the Gospel and the people respond with “*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*”

JESUS SET OUT AND WENT AWAY TO THE REGION OF TYRE. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

¶The Gospeller concludes the Gospel and the people respond with “*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*”

The Sermon

The Rev. Kenneth L. Schmidt

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:

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Marc; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
Silence
- Leader:

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.
Silence
- Leader:

I ask your prayers for children everywhere and their parents; and especially for the new arrivals in our own community. Pray for the next generation.
Silence
- Leader:

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, especially _____. Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence
- Leader:

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially _____. Pray for those who have died.
Silence
- Leader:

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

Janet Strothman, September 9, 2020
Marian Nishi, September 11, 2015
Isabel Brucklacher, September 11, 1993
Ellen Brown, September 10, 1965
Glatha Latimer, September 11,1963

Leader: Praise God for the saints in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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

Silence

[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]

Silence

¶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

O Sacred Feast

Healy Willan (1880 - 1968)

O Sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn 375

Union or Harmony

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
2 The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that
wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his



com-fort all my an-guish stills. To God be praise and glo-ry.
do-eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo-ry.
right-eous-ness and jus-tice reign. To God be praise and glo-ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952)
and Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.
Music: *Da Lebendest, Herr Jesu Christ*, Peter Sohren (1630?-1692?);
adapt. Johann Anastasius Freylinghausen (1670-1739), alt.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sursum Corda S-120



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Celebrant *People*
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 S-129

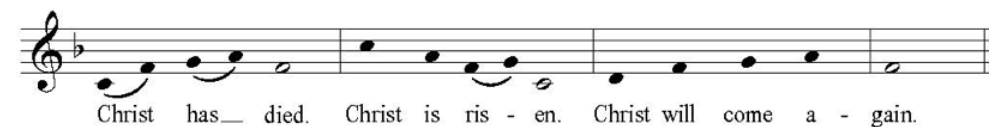
Powell



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

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



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

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



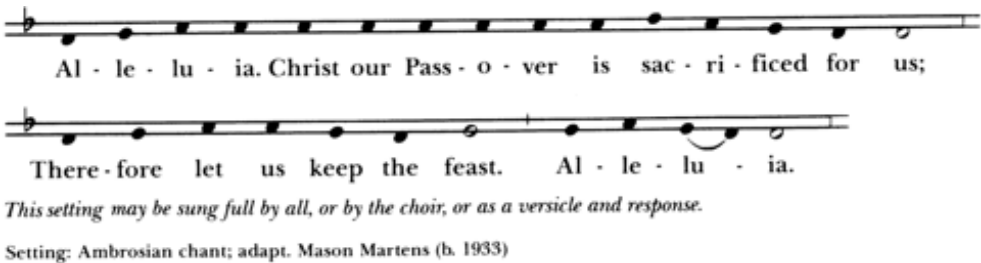
A-men. A-men. A-men.



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.

Fraction Anthem

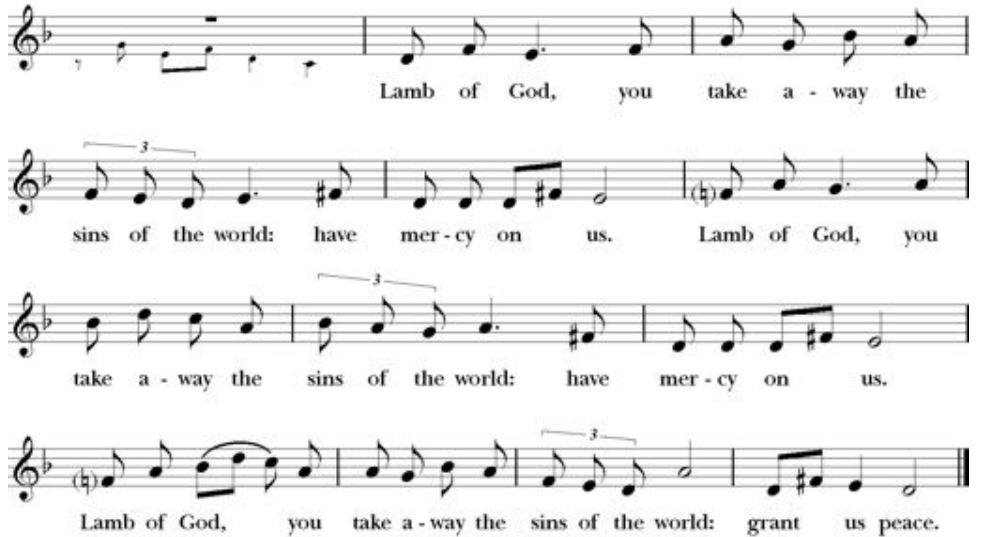
The Celebrant chants the first line, then all join in.



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 S-163

Powell



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way 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.

Communion Hymn: Voices Found 94



1. In bold-ness, look to God for help like
2. In bold-ness, lean on God for strength and
3. In bold-ness, learn from God the truth of
4. In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con -

wom - en - folk who dared - to ask that Je - sus
heal - ing from dis - ease - of mind and bod - y.
Mae - y's "bet - ter part" by fear and cer - sure
front the world's harsh stare - like one who washed the

cure a child, that crumbs of grace be shared,
heart and will, whose bond - age Je - sus frees.
un - de - terred, de - ter - mined in her heart
feet of Christ, and wiped them with her hair,

that out - cast ones be wel - comed to
Reach out and touch the hem of Christ
to kneel at Je - sus' feet and hear
poured per - fume to a - noint her Lord.

the feast God has pre - pared.
and gath - er spir - it's ease,
the teach - ing he im - parts,
and left love's fra - grance there.

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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.

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

1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed;
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness, dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,
As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
use the love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
stir - ring us to tire-less striv - ing, your a - bun-dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly (1906-1904)
MUSIC: Ann. B. F. White (1800-1877): The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. Ronald A. Nelson (1923-)
Beach Spring
S.A.S.D.

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Postlude

Fantasy in C Major, BWV 570

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

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

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Coffee Hour Host	David Eaton

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St. Mark’s Parish Prayer List

In our Parish: Music Ministries – Director of Music, Choir Association, Choir Board, Evensong Series, Schola Cantorum, and Reception Providers

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

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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| • Bill Anderson | • Everett Kinney | • Barbara Renton |
| • Barbara Borsch | • Gus Koerber | • Caroline Rone |
| • Cain family | • Corrie Lassen | • Lisa Rowe |
| • Roberta Cleveland | • Geoff Logan | • Virginia Ruff |
| • Iris Commins | • Ben Lesser | • Kimberly Steil |
| • Geoffrey Cook | • Neil McGraw | • Doris Strakosch |
| • Michael Cook | • Tim Main | • Paul Sporer |
| • Emily Crowley | • Karin Milliman | • Drew and Lydia Tweedale |
| • Jonathan Dimmock | • Bob Mills | • Teresa Vosper |
| • Nancy Ditzler | • Chris, Alice, Ethan & Hailey Moore | • Alice Vest |
| • Tristan Donato | • Judy Moore | • Wayne Weng |
| • Wren Donato | • Curtis Morgan | • Louis Weil |
| • The Rev’d Michael Dresbach | • Virginia Muller | • Diane Whiteside |
| • Dale Evans | • Jean O’Meara | • Wilkinson Family |
| • Elizabeth Falk | • Oanh Nguyen | • Jamey Williams |
| • Ronald Greene | • Jim Pehling | • Michael Willmore |
| • Martha Greenough | • Peter Piccione | • Karen Wilson |
| • Haverty family | • Emeline Pineda | • Wendy Wisely |
| • Holly Herr | • Lynn Poland | • Fran Youtzy |
| • Diana Hilliard | • Lesa Day Reed | • Jose and Kim |
| • Andrew Howarth | | • Barbara |
| • Leonard Johnson | | • Laird |
| | | • Bryan |

We pray for those awaiting or recovering from surgery:

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| •Mark Harville | •Michael Starkman |
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We pray for those who have died:

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| • Frank Paine | • Robert Sullivan | • Edith Ho | • Janet Morgan | • Cynthia Reynolds | • Leona Schaefer |
| • Paul Luersen | • Melvin Hayle | • Michael Morgan | • Roberta Cleveland | • Peter Foley | |

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 <https://stmarksberkely.org/donate/>. Thank you for your generosity!*cThe 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! Although he had to be away this weekend for a family obligation, Tom hopes to meet you soon and encourages you to be in touch. Please send an email to calcanterbury@gmail.com 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 b_koerber@comcast.net. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89607974966?pwd=a1F1K1lOQVZTUit3SCtvZ2UzaHpOUT09> Meeting ID: 896 0797 4966 / Passcode: 6043 / One tap mobile: +16699009128

All-Parish Social Hour on Thursday, 9 September, at 6 p.m. You are cordially invited to an all-parish social hour on Thursday, September 9 from 6:00 - 7:00, via Zoom. This is a chance to connect with everyone as they return from trips, and to connect with those who cannot come in person. We will mostly just share and socialize, but we may begin with one or two poems or brief reflections, just to stimulate conversation. Please use the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85479126098?pwd=bHNXUW93NTNpTXphL0VyOUUxeXZodz09> Meeting ID: 854 7912 6098 / Passcode: 722780 / One tap mobile +14086380968 We look forward to seeing you on September 9th at 6 p.m.! Sincerely, Judith Berling, Senior Warden

WEEK AT ST. MARK’S

<u>Sunday, 5 September</u>		<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Mark 7:24-37</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave & Livestream	
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom	
<u>Monday, 6 September</u>		<i>Labor Day</i>	
		PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	
<u>Tuesday, 7 September</u>			
5:30 p.m.	Regathering Committee	Zoom	
7:00 p.m.	Meditation and Compline	Zoom	
<u>Wednesday, 8 September</u>			
5:00 p.m.	Bridge Group	Lion’s Hall	
<u>Thursday, 9 September</u>			
6:00 p.m.	All-Parish Social Hour	Zoom	
<u>Sunday, 12 September</u>		<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Mark 8:27-38</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave & Livestream	
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom	
3:00 p.m.	Evensong	Zoom	