

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

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21); Year B

26 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

Prelude in D Major

J.K.F. Fischer (1665 – 1738)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Entrance Rite

Entrance Hymn 546

1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice that calls thee from on
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor

on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod, and
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and

an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)
Music: Siroë, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815

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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Gloria in excelsis S-280

Powell

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

THE RABBLE AMONG THEM HAD A STRONG CRAVING; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Psalm 19:7-14

Caeli enarrant



7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re/vives the soul;*
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom / to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re/joice the heart;*
the commandment of the LORD is clear and / gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ev/er;*
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous / altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than / much fine gold,*
sweeter far than honey, than / honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant en/lightened,*
and in keeping them / there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often / he offends?*

cleanse me / from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion o/ver me;*

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent / of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your / sight,*

O LORD, my strength and / my redeemer.

Second Lesson

James 5: 13-20

ARE ANY AMONG YOU SUFFERING? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Sequence Hymn

Refrain

G D#dim7 Em G/D D G

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

Hal-le-

D#dim7 Em G/D D7 G

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

lu-jah, Lord, it's me!

G D#dim7 Em

1 Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,

Em D G Bm

stand - ing in the need of prayer. Not my broth - er, not my

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Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Leader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

Helen Schnacke, September 30, 2007
Robert L. Thornton, September 28, 1985
Richard C. Jorgensen, September 28, 1983
Walter De Bois Briggs, September 27, 1966
Ada Louise Daves, September 29, 1967
Mary Betts, September 26, 1964
Alice Curson Gipner, October 1, 1989
Gaston Ashe, October 1, 1969

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

[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]

Leader: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Mark the Evangelist all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

¶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.

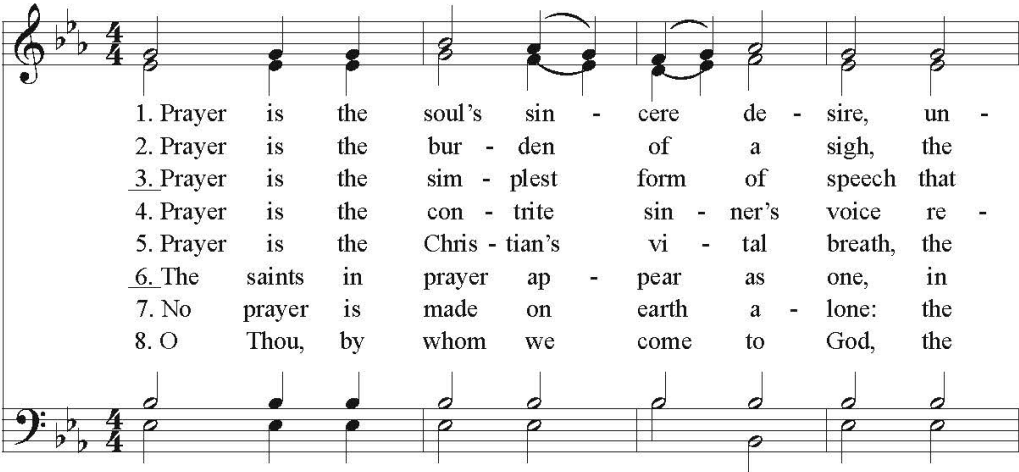
THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem Jesu, the very thought of Thee Edward Bairstow (1874 - 1946)

*Jesu, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.*

—Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153); Translated by Edward Caswell (1814-1878)

Offertory Hymn



1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, un -
2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, the
3. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech that
4. Prayer is the con - trite sin - ner's voice re -
5. Prayer is the Chris - tian's vi - tal breath, the
6. The saints in prayer ap - pear as one, in
7. No prayer is made on earth a - lone: the
8. O Thou, by whom we come to God, the

1. ut - tered or ex - pressed; the mo - tion of a
2. fall - ing of a tear, the up - ward glanc - ing
3. in - fant lips can try; prayer the sub - lim - est
4. turn - ing from their way, while an - gels in their
5. Chris - tian's na - tive air, their watch-word at the
6. word and deed and mind; while with the Fa - ther
7. Ho - ly Spi - rit pleads, and Je - sus on the e -
8. Life, the Truth, the Way: the path of prayer thy -

1. hid - den fire that trem - bles in the breast.
2. of an eye when none but God is near.
3. strains that reach the Ma - jes - ty on high.
4. songs re - joice, and cry, 'Be - hold, they pray!'
5. gates of death: they en - ter heaven with prayer.
6. and the Son sweet fel - low - ship they find.
7. ter - nal throne for sin - ners in - ter - cedes.
8. self hast trod; Lord, teach us how to pray!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Music: Naomi, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
C.M.
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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:

Musical notation for the first part of the Eucharistic Prayer. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Musical notation for the Great Amen. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Lord’s Prayer S-119

Musical notation for The Lord’s Prayer S-119. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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

Musical notation for the second part of the Eucharistic Prayer. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem

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

Musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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

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Musical notation for Agnus Dei S-163. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy 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 Music Andantino poco allegretto César Franck (1822 - 1890)

Communion Hymn 609

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt.

Music: Gardiner, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

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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: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn


Refrain



Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif - f'rence.




Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.



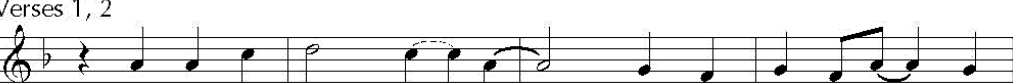
Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif - f'rence.

To verses To repeat refrain



Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

Verses 1, 2



1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple
2. We are the hands of Christ reach-ing out to those in



see the love of God in you and me.
need, the face of God for all to see.



We are the light of the world, not to be hid - den but be
We are the spir - it of hope; we are the voice of

D.C.



seen. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
peace. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

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Postlude

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 642 J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

*"If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in God through all thy ways.
God will give strength what e'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that nought can move."*
-George Neumark (1621-1681)

Grand Choeur Franck

All are invited to join us for virtual coffee hour via Zoom.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81224534904?pwd=NXZlQ3laam16OEExaWlWkpIRVZSdz09>
Dial in +1 669 900 9128
Meeting ID: 812 2453 4904
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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: Adult Formation Ministries – Forums, Teachers, Presenters, and Spoken Word

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church

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:

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

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 •Cynthia Reynolds •Leona Schaefer
- Paul Luersen •Melvin Hayle •Michael Morgan •Roberta Cleveland •Peter Foley •Rev. Doe Yates
- Lesa Day Reed •Karen Wilson •Norman Macdonald

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, Wednesday, 29 September, at Noon

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels is this Wednesday, 29 September. Holy Eucharist at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth L. Schmidt, Celebrant.

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://stmarksberkeley.org/donate/>. Thank you for your generosity! *The Social Justice Committee of St. Mark’s*.

All-Parish Social Hour via Zoom on Thursday, 7 October

This time of pandemic has been challenging for each of us. Breakthrough COVID-19 infections are on the rise and we struggle to know how to maneuver what that means. Cultivating pastoral support within our parish community seems to be even more vital as we continue to march forward into the fall season with so many unknowns.

In my service at Temple Sinai, Oakland, I have encountered the following prayer penned by Rabbi Sidney Greenberg (1917-2003):

"May the door of this synagogue be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this synagogue be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness and harshness.

May this synagogue be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life."

Interestingly, if one replaces the noun ‘synagogue’ with ‘church,’ I find that synagogue life is community life, and community life is parish life. My experience as a church/synagogue musician has taught me that fostering community is one of the most important aspects of our life together. I also believe that these insightful words of Rabbi Greenberg can offer us here at St. Mark’s a path to help our community grow and, in turn, be a blessing to each other and to the world. His prayer is also an extension of celebrating what we already strive to do here at St. Mark’s, namely ‘Celebrating God’s inclusive love.’ It’s simply that Rabbi Greenberg’s language is more concrete.

With this in mind, I cordially invite each of you to attend an on-line zoom gathering on Thursday, October 7, beginning at 6 p.m. I am hopeful that this time will provide an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas to help build a “richer and more meaningful life” together. Also, please *do* encourage others to attend.

Please use the following Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83517852322?pwd=YW9DMzB6RGVVM3ZlWW9KRgzXZlpmQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 1785 2322 / Passcode: 088955 / One tap mobile: 14086380968

I look forward to seeing you on October 7th at 6 p.m.!

Sincerely,

George Emblom, Director of Music

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 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 p.m. - 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>
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WEEK AT ST. MARK’S

<i><u>Sunday, 26 September</u></i> <i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Mark 9:38-50</i>		
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave & Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
<i><u>Monday, 27 September</u></i>		
4:00 p.m.	Suitcase Clinic	
<i><u>Tuesday, 28 September</u></i>		
5:30 p.m.	Regathering Committee	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Meditation and Compline	Zoom
<i><u>Wednesday, 29 September</u></i> <i>St. Michael and All Angels</i>		
12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Bridge Group	Lion’s Hall
<i><u>Sunday, 3 October</u></i> <i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Mark 10:2-16</i>		
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave & Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom