

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California  
The First Sunday of Advent; Year C  
November 28, 2021, 10:00am

**Welcome to St. Mark's!**

From ancient time the Church has observed an extended period of preparation before each of its two greatest feasts: Easter, with the forty days of Lent; and Christ's Nativity, with the four weeks (formerly forty days) of Advent. In each of these seasons of preparation, Christians spend time taking stock of the world around them, of their own hearts, and of the central promises and convictions of the faith. Advent, with its twin focus on the beginning and the end, invites us to a particularly open-eyed perspective: the familiar -- characters like John the Baptist, the prophet Isaiah, Mary and Joseph and their Baby, and annual patterns like holiday music, shopping, and travel to see loved ones -- meets strange and unfamiliar themes of darkness and impending doom, the intuition that something is not quite right and needs mending, the conviction that God is coming to bring justice but that such justice will render us disoriented and without recourse to the old reference points. We keep our eyes open to take in as much of this disharmony as we can, while the uneasy tension between the familiar and the unfamiliar points us to the central mystery: the Word of God was born a baby, that we might know God not by words alone but by love, with all the risk and sacrifice love entails, with all its possibility and creative potential. At St. Mark's this Advent, we invite you to join us in our preparation to receive that baby: join us as we read again the great prophecies of Scripture, as we sing the Advent hymns of expectation and longing, as we spend time in prayer and meditation, service and worship. So might our hearts be fit to bear that Love which Mary bore, who bears us all till his kingdom come.



**Today's service music**

*Missa Emmanuel*

arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010),  
Christopher Putnam (1967-2018),  
and George Emblom (b. 1962)

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**Music in preparation for worship**

Rorate Coeli

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

¶ *A chime rings and all stand.*

**The Great Litany** S-67, Book of Common Prayer, p. 148

¶ *The Litany is bid by members of the choir, and the congregation joins in the responses. The text largely follows Thomas Cranmer's original from 1544, which itself draws on earlier medieval and ancient sources. Often prayed or sung in procession, the Litany enacts the Church's life of prayer from birth to death: it covers the full range of human vulnerability, sinfulness, and hope, as well as affirming the communion of saints and the resurrection of the dead.*

¶ *The Litany concludes with the chanting of the Kyrie:*

### **Kyrie eleison**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ *All sit for the Lessons.*

### **First Reading** *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           *Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 25:1-9*

Tone VIII.1



- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my / trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies / triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be / put to shame;\*  
let the treacherous be disap/pointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your / ways, O LORD,\*  
and / teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and / teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted / all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love,\*  
for they are from / everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions;\*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your / goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the / LORD;\*  
therefore he teaches / sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in / doing right\*  
and teaches his way / to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and / faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

**Epistle** *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*¶ All stand to sing.*

**Sequence Hymn 59**, Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding *Merton*

**The Gospel** *Luke 21:25-36*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily** *The Rev. Blake Sawicky*

*¶ A brief silence follows the Homily.*

*¶ All stand for the Creed.*

### **Credo**

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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

*¶All exchange a sign of Peace.*

*¶Various announcements may be made.*

### **The Offertory**

*¶Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. A collection is taken for the work of the church and then blessed. Singing by the Choir and the Congregation completes the Offertory: here in this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our material resources, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.*

### **Offertory Anthem** E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, P. Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be.  
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
Sing Holy, Holy Lord.  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below:  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon.  
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun  
For Christ will be their All!  
*Paul Manz, cf. Rev. 1, 22*

*¶All stand to sing.*

**Offertory Hymn** 61, "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us *Wachet auf*

## The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And also with you.*  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: *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.*

*¶The Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer with a preface recalling the season. Then, all join their voices with those of the whole host of heaven as they sing perpetually before the throne of God:*

...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 & Benedictus



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.

*¶All remain standing, or kneel if desired.*

*¶Here in the presence of God, the whole host of heaven, the Communion of Saints, and the gathered community of St. Mark's Church, the Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer: recalling Christ's words of institution at the Last Supper the night before he died, and his passion, death, and resurrection; offering the bread and wine to become for us the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood; praying for the Holy Spirit to descend upon the gifts we offer and we ourselves, to make us holy and consecrate our lives -- and life itself-- to the good purposes of God.*

*¶After the words of institution, the Celebrant invites the people to affirm the Paschal Mystery.*

Celebrant:       Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All:               We remember his death,

                    We proclaim his resurrection,

                    We await his coming in glory.

*¶The Celebrant continues.*

*¶Finally, the Celebrant offers the concluding doxology and the People join in the Great Amen:*

Celebrant:       [. . .] 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.

All:



Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All sing the Lord's Prayer*

### Our Father



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-low'd be thy name. Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pass-es 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, the power and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Music: Rimsky Korsakov (1844-1908)

*¶The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

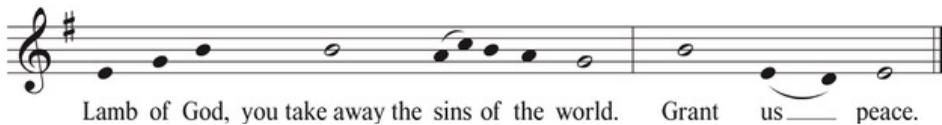
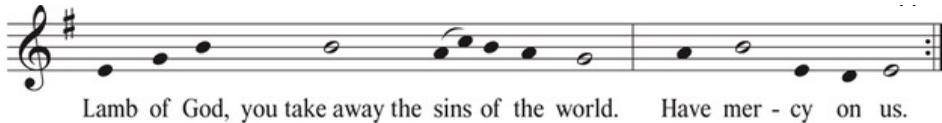
*¶A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*¶All sing the Agnus Dei*

### Agnus Dei



*¶The Celebrant invites the people to make their communions, saying:*

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

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

*¶The Celebrant communicates the Altar party, then the Congregation and the Choir.*

*¶All are welcome to come forward. To receive the Host, hold out one open palm in the other. (Gluten-free Hosts are always available; just alert the priest, who will extend the pyx for you to take one.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. For the purposes of Covid safety, communion will be administered in one kind only, standing, at the head of the center aisle. Receive your Host and then move to one of the communion stations at the head of either side aisle before removing your mask and consuming your Host.*

### Communion Anthem Rorate Coeli, Francisco Guerrero (c. 1527-1599)

Rorate caeli desuper  
et nubes pluant justum:  
aperiatur terra

et germinet Salvatorem.

Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam,  
et salutare tuum da nobis.

Veni Domine, et noli tardare.

*cf. Is. 45:8, Ps. 85:7, Hab. 2:3*

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the clouds pour down righteousness:

Let the earth open,  
and let it bring forth a Savior.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

Come, O Lord, and do not delay.

**Communion Hymn** 53, Once he came in blessing *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

*¶All stand to pray.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

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 Celebrant offers a seasonal 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.

All: *Amen.*

*¶The Liturgy concludes with the Dismissal.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Final Hymn** 57, Lo, he comes with clouds descending *Helmsley*

**Closing Voluntary**

Prelude and Fugue in B Major, Op. 7 no. 1

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

*Leon Chou, organist*

*¶All are warmly invited to coffee hour on the patio following the service.*



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