

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent; Year C  
December 19, 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**

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 (Hymn 54)

J.S. Bach (1685-1759)

*¶ All stand to sing.*

**Opening Hymn** Hymn 56, O come, O come, Emmanuel     *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

**Opening Sentence** *Isaiah 45:8; Ps 19:1*

Celebrant:     Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down  
righteousness: let the earth open and bring forth a Savior.

People:     *The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament shows his  
handiwork.*

### 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

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, Ky-ri - e e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son,  
Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e-lei - son.

### Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus  
Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*¶ All sit for the Lessons.*

**First Reading** *Micah 5:2-5a*

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you  
shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is  
in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of  
Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majes-  
ty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be  
great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector:     The Word of the Lord.

People:     *Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 80:1-7, Qui regis Israel*



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock;\*  
Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh.\*  
stir up your strength and / come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O / God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD / God of hosts,\*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers / of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the / bread of tears;\*  
you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors,\*  
and our ene/mies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O / God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

**Epistle** *Hebrews 10:5-10*

When Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.  
Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

¶ *All stand to sing.*

**Sequence Hymn** Hymn 265, The angel Gabriel from heaven came *Gabriel's Message*

**The Gospel** *Luke 3:1-6*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily** *The Rev. Lizette Larson-Miller*

¶ *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.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_, and those whose year's mind falls this week \_\_\_\_\_, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Mark the Evangelist, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

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

*[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

¶ *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, and the congregation responds with "Amen".*

## Confession & Absolution

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

*¶A brief silence is kept.*

All: 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.

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 Duet I sing of a maiden

Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

*Ann Glusker & Betsy Hada, sopranos*

I syng of a mayden þat is makeles,  
kyng of alle kynges to here sone che ches.  
He came also styлле þer his moder was  
as dew in aprylle, þat fallyt on þe gras.  
He cam also styлле to his moderes bowr  
as dew in aprille, þat fallyt on þe flour.  
He cam also styлле þer his moder lay  
as dew in Aprille, þat fallyt on þe spray.  
Moder & mayden was neuer non but che –  
wel may swych a lady Godes moder be.

I sing of a maiden that is matchless,  
King of all kings, for her son she ches. (chose)  
He came as still where his mother was  
As dew in April that falls on the grass.  
He came as still to his mother's bower  
As dew in April that falls on the flower.  
He came as still where his mother lay  
As dew in April that falls on the spray.  
Mother and maiden, there was never one but she;  
Well may such a lady God's mother be.

*Middle English carol, 15th century*

*¶All stand to sing.*

**Offertory Hymn** 269, Ye who claim the faith of Jesus *Den des Vaters Sinn geboren*

## The Sursum Corda

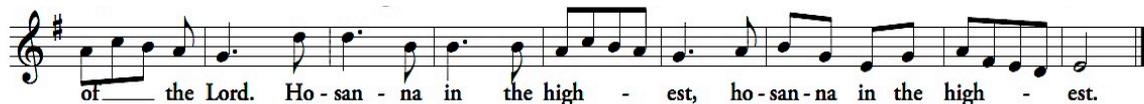
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And also with you.*  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Here begins the Great  
Thanksgiving.  
*Eucharistic Prayer B,*  
*Book of Common*  
*Prayer p. 367*

*¶ 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



*¶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,

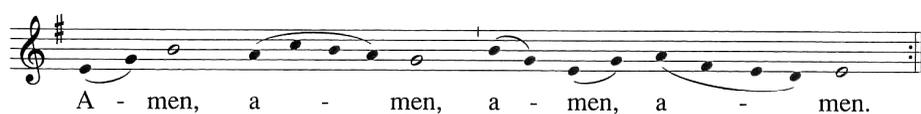
                    We await his coming in glory.

*¶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.*

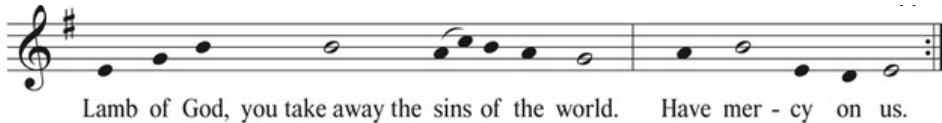
*¶A period of silence is kept.*

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

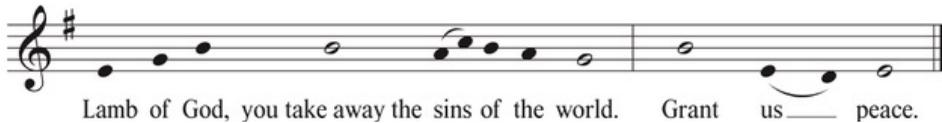
All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*¶All sing the Agnus Dei*

### Agnus Dei



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



Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us — peace.

*¶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 Motet Ne Timeas Maria Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

Ne timeas Maria,  
invenisti enim gratiam  
apud Dominum:  
ecce concipies in utero  
et paries filium,  
et vocabitur  
Altissimi Filius.

Fear not, Mary,  
for you have found favour  
with the Lord:  
behold, you shall conceive  
and bring forth a son,  
and he shall be called  
the Son of the Most High.

*cf. Luke 1:30-37*

**Communion Hymn** 54, Savior of the nations, come! *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

*¶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** 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! *Woodlands*

**Closing Voluntary**

Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733

J.S. Bach (1685-1759)

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

## Some devotional resources for Advent

### The Angelus

*Dating from the 11th century, the Angelus (from the first words of the devotion, “Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae”) is a devotion on the Incarnation. The text quotes extensively from the Gospels of Luke and John, while the refrain is the traditional “Hail Mary” or “Ave Maria,” itself largely a compilation of verses from the first chapter of Luke -- effectively making the whole thing an extended set of Scriptural Sentences as a basis for meditation and prayer. Together with the final versicle/response and collect, these Sentences invite us to locate ourselves within the mystery of the Incarnation, in which God takes human flesh and enters the world: in 1st century Judaea, and now, by faith, in our hearts.*

V. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,  
R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

V. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;  
R. Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail, Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh,  
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary... .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his + cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Great “O” Antiphons

*Most frequently sung today as the verses of the Advent carol “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” the Great “O” Antiphons (so named because they all begin with the vocative “O”) trace their origin to the ancient evening office of Vespers, in which they were appointed to be sung with the Magnificat on the days preceding Christmas. The antiphons are reflections on a series of prophetic images from the Hebrew Scriptures which early Christians interpreted as referring to the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Taken together, they paint a beautiful, multi-layered portrait of what God’s incarnation would accomplish and of the full breadth of what salvation entails.*

December 16     *O Sapientia*

O Wisdom, \* which camest out of the mouth of the most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

December 17     *O Adonai*

O Adonai, \* and Leader of the house of Israel, who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the law in Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

December 18     *O Radix Jesse*

O Root of Jesse, \* which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, unto whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

December 19     *O Clavis David*

O Key of David, \* and Scepter of the house of Israel; that openest and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth: Come, and bring the prisoners out of the prison-house, them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 20     *O Oriens*

O Day-spring, \* Brightness of the Light everlasting, and Sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 21     *O Rex gentium*

O King of Nations, \* and their Desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save human-kind, whom thou formedst of clay.

December 22     *O Emmanuel*

O Emmanuel, \* our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

December 23     *O Virgo virginum*

O Virgin of Virgins, \* how shall this be? for neither before thee was any seen like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.



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### Serving This Week

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Blake Sawicky
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Lizette Larson-Miller
<b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b>	George Emblom
<b>Verger</b>	Kim Novak
<b>Lectors</b>	Jan Robitscher, Bob Kolenkow
<b>Bidder</b>	Jan Robitscher
<b>Vestry Host</b>	Marcia Russell
<b>Online Coffee Hour Host</b>	David Eaton
<b>Livestream Technician</b>	Margo Strakosch

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New to St. Mark's?** Thank you for worshipping with us today. We would love to hear from you. If you have questions, you can contact us at [connect@stmarksberkeley.org](mailto:connect@stmarksberkeley.org). If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter and updates, sign up online: [St. Mark's Newsletter Sign Up](#).

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### **InAsMuch Offering for December—Paw Fund**

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 Hot Meals program at St. Mark's. This month we dedicate our offering to the PAW Fund based in Berkeley. The Paw Fund was organized in the East Bay in 2011 and granted nonprofit status by the IRS in 2013. Jill, the founder, moved here in 1997 and saw that there was great need for affordable vet care in the homeless communities, and was especially concerned with the population of abandoned pets at Albany Bulb, after the homeless encampments were evicted in 2000. The Paw Fund's goal is to provide low and no-cost healthcare for pets, and referrals to community members in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. They hold a free monthly vaccine clinic for cats and dogs, offer free or "pay what you can" spay and neuter services. They also provide micro-chipping at adoption services. Here is their website: <http://pawfund.org/>. They are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PawFund>. To donate to the November appeal, please place a check made out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church (with PAW Fund 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*

### **Help Decorate St. Mark's for Christmas!**

Would you like to help create beauty at St. Mark's Church? Help decorate the Sanctuary after the 10 a.m. Sunday Eucharist today during coffee hour. All are welcome to prepare St. Mark's for Christmastide!

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### **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols this evening at 4:30 p.m.**

This service, based on a medieval vigil service, was instituted at Truro Cathedral in Cornwall, England, where the St. Mark's Choir served for a week as choir in residence in July 2011. It was later modified in the early part of the last century by the Very Reverend E.M. Millner-White, at that time Dean of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England. Since then, it has been sung annually in King's College Chapel on Christmas Eve and has been offered at St. Mark's since 1942. Unlike the secular season of Christmas, which begins earlier and earlier in the autumn and winds up on December 25th, the religious season of Christmas begins the eve of (after ancient tradition) and extends twelve days until the feast of the Epiphany, January 6. This feast celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the whole world, symbolized by the arrival of the Wise Men from afar. The season of Advent is a time of waiting, preparation and mounting excitement for the arrival of the Savior. May we each enter into this service in that spirit, meditating on the story told in readings, hymns and carols as a means of readying hearts for the One who comes to us as Love. May the love of God fill each of our hearts and may this love may be shared with others throughout the year. You can [Link to our Facebook Livestream Service](#), or [Link to our website](#) to watch the [Livestream Service](#) in real time or save it for later.

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### **Post 10 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour becomes All-Parish Social Hour**

Attendance at the post 10 a.m. Zoom coffee hour has been steadily waning. Participants expressed a wish to interact with the full parish, but there is no logistical way to incorporate the Zoom group into the in-person coffee hour. For these reasons, we have determined that this **December 19 will be the last Zoom coffee hour**. However, we do want to incorporate at-distance folks and those who cannot come to the parish in our community life. Therefore we propose to establish a **First Thursday All-Parish Social Hour from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom. Participants are invited to bring a beverage, if they so wish, and to enjoy interaction with those whom they might not see on Sunday morning. The first Thursday in January, as it turns out, is Epiphany (January 6). We will have an online **Epiphany Party on Zoom from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Join us to celebrate the feast!!

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### **36<sup>th</sup> Season of the Evensong / Organ Recital Series**

The 36th Season of the Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital Series at St. Mark's, Berkeley will continue on **Sunday, January 9, 2022**. A congregational Evensong will be offered at 3:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. the parish will welcome United Kingdom organist **Joshua Xerri** who will offer an in-person recital on the Flentrop Organ. In order to attend the recital in person, all those in attendance must provide proof of vaccination at the door and wear a mask. To help expedite entrance, please upload your proof of vaccination here: <https://tinyurl.com/352ypnjy>. The Evensong and the Organ Recital will be live-streamed. Visit the parish Website at [www.stmarksberkeley.org](http://www.stmarksberkeley.org) for FB links.

**Joshua Xerri's** professional career began at Llandaff Cathedral, where he was a chorister. At the age of 16, he was awarded a music scholarship to Wells Cathedral School, and later moved to Chelmsford Cathedral to take up a year-long position as organ scholar. Joshua was most recently the organist at St Paul's, Covent Garden in London. Recent performance venues include conducting at Westminster Abbey, an organ recital at Brussels Cathedral, and performances at Royal Albert Hall. A keen choral singer, Joshua has sung for the choirs of Worcester, Birmingham, Llandaff, and Lichfield Cathedrals, and has performed at the BBC Proms on a number of occasions. Away from music, Joshua is a qualified lawyer, currently living in Winston-Salem, NC. He will offer works of William Byrd, Georg Muffat, and J.S. Bach. The recital is free, but donations are most welcome. Please make your check payable to St. Mark's Choir Association, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. Donations may also be received on-line at <https://stmarksberkeley.org/music/friends-of-music/>. Thank you for your support.

### **WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

**December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent - Luke 1:39-55**

Holy Eucharist at 8AM - Chapel  
 Holy Eucharist at 10AM - Nave & Livestream  
 Coffee Hour at 11:30AM - Zoom  
 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 4:30PM - Nave

**December 21:**

Liturgy and Theology Reading Group at 3:00PM - Café Blue Door  
 Regathering Committee at 5:30PM - Via Zoom  
 Meditation and Compline at 7:00PM - Via Zoom

**December 22:**

Office Hours with Fr. Sawicky at 12PM - Via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/885031601>  
 Holy Eucharist at 12:10PM - Chapel  
 Bridge Group at 5PM - Lion's Hall

**December 24: Christmas Eve**

Family Eucharist at 4:30AM - Nave  
 Music Intro 10PM - Nave & Livestream  
 Choral Eucharist at 10:30PM - Nave & Livestream

**December 25: Christmas Day**

Holy Eucharist at 11:00AM - Nave

**December 26: First Sunday after Christmas - John 1:1-18**

Holy Eucharist at 8AM - Chapel  
 Holy Eucharist at 10AM - Nave & Livestream  
 Coffee Hour at 11:30AM - Zoom

### **St. Mark's Parish Prayer List**

**In our Parish:** Fellowship Groups – Bridge Club, Foyer Groups, YADA's, UC Berkeley Canterbury Evensong & Fellowship

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Central Africa

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

**We pray for those who have died:**

- *The Rev. Martha Buck*
- *bell hooks*
- *Sheppard Kominars*
- *Jean O'Meara*
- *Bob Powell*
- *John Steil*

**Those Whose Year's Mind Falls this Week:**

Donald Carleton Pettyjohn, December 23, 2017; Canidia Gartler December 21, 200; Robert Denis Faulk, December 22, 1994; Virginia E. Littleton, December 25, 1992; Susan B. Kearney, December 22, 1985; Richard Kenney, December 23, 1982; Mary Jean Davis, December 19, 1981; Minnie Young, December 20, 1965; Marion Wells, December 21, 1963