

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 of John the Baptist, the prophet Isaiah, Mary and Joseph and their Baby, together with the familiar patterns of holiday music, shopping, and loved ones, meet the 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.

Music in Preparation for Liturgy

Rorate Coeli

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Entrance Rite

Entrance Hymn 70

1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness
 here; make a path - way through the des - ert
 given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,
 life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.
 for the one who brings God near. Sound the trum - pet!
 and to them new life is given.
 grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

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The Opening Acclamation

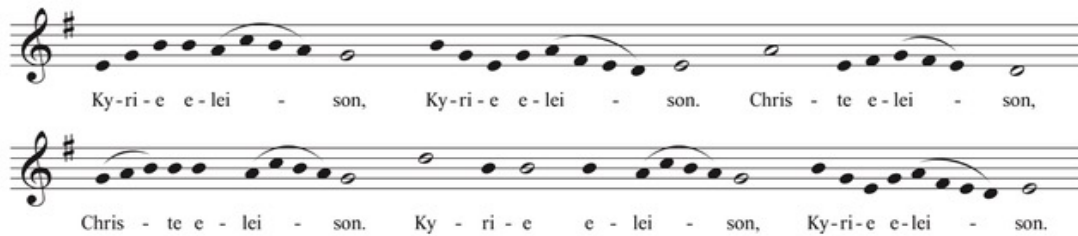
Celebrant: O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations:

People: And the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.
(Isaiah 30:19, 30)

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



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The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.



- 1 You have been gracious to your / land, O LORD,*
 you have restored the good for / tune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your / people*
 and blotted / out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is / saying,*
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who / turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who / fear him,*
 that his glory may / dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met to / gether;*
 righteousness and peace have / kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the / earth,*
 and righteousness shall look / down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant pros / perity,*
 and our land will / yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go be / fore him,*
 and peace shall be a / pathway for his feet.

Second Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Sequence Hymn 444



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,
 he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.
 The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.
 God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo-ple peace.____
 the pro-phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.____
 O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.____

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Blake Sawicky

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: 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, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially _____; and we pray that we may share with 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 will add a concluding Collect, and the congregation will respond with "Amen".

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

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 Hymn 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
2 O _____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God _____ en - du - reth, the _____

call from the ways un - trod; Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst _____ of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The _____
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they _____ per - ish, like
feed his _____ flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay; the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our _____ God _____ may go!
na - tions shall _____ pass like a dream _____ a - way;
lead them, and _____ bring them _____ safe to his fold.

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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

Missa Emmanuel

arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
and Christopher Putnam (1967-2018)

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.

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Celebrant: [...] Therefore according to his command, O Father,

People: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues [...] 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.

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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The Lord's Prayer S-119

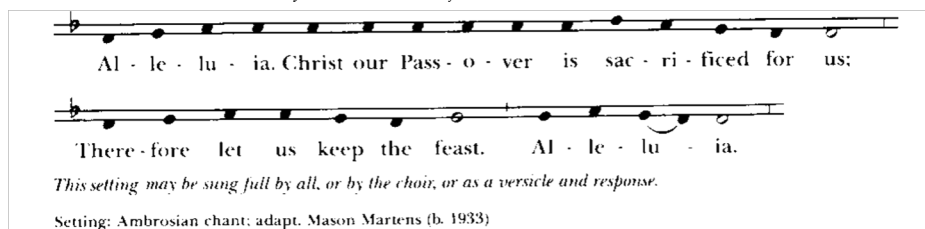


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

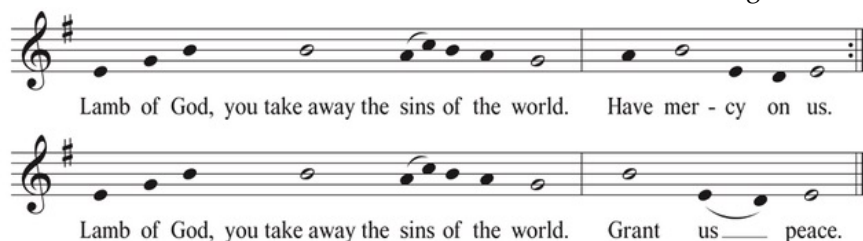
The Celebrant chants the first line, then all join in.



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

Veni Emmanuel
arr. George Emblom, 2017



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.

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.

A Form for Spiritual Communion

In times like these where it is imprudent or impossible for all to receive Holy Communion, it is still possible to make an act of spiritual communion. The following devotion can be made at any time when you are prevented from being present at the Eucharist, but we encourage you to use it during these weeks of live-streamed services especially, at the time while communion is being administered and the ablutions performed. This form comes from a book of devotion, "The Habit of Holiness," by Martin Warner.

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion to unite your intention with that of the whole Church:

Lord Jesus Christ, saving Victim, Priest divine,
in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church
where your body and blood are offered to the Father,
I make an oblation of praise and thanksgiving.
I believe that you are truly present in the Eucharist.
To you I offer my soul, my body, and my life.
Come to my heart, embrace me with your love.
Conform my will to the pattern of your perfect obedience,
so that loving all that you love, I may never be separated from you,
but live to the glory of God. Amen.

Pray the Lord's Prayer:

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 us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Meditate on the soul's mystical union with Christ; 14th c. poem, 'Anima Christi' is a good place to start:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever.

Offer a prayer of thanksgiving; this is one by St. Richard of Chichester:

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast won for me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Grace

+The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Communion Hymn 69



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who
2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -
3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to
4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in
hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the
pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in
see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -
joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -
sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.
dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.
mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.
self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!

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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.

Advent 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. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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Postlude

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (hymn 54)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Savior of the Nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

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

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Meeting ID: 812 2453 4904

Password: 468701

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The Blue Advent Vestments

Made of raw silk, all the pieces were designed and sewn by Marjorie Pettyjohn, Head of our Altar Guild. The set consists of a chasuble, three priest stoles, one Byzantine deacon stole, maniple, altar frontal, pulpit fall, lectern hangings, and two burse and matching veil sets, one large and one small.

Deborah Falk designed and hand-painted on white silk the panels, 32 in all, as orphreys, bands of fabric decorating the various pieces. The designs, one of lilies, one of roses, portray flower symbols of purity, attributes of the Virgin Mary. The lily panels decorate the vestments worn by the clergy, and the rose panels all the others.

The set was presented and blessed on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 1998.

*The set of blue vestments for the season of Advent were given to St. Mark's by:
Deborah Falk – in loving memory of her mother, Judith Elizabeth Strohm Bond*

Advent & Christmastide at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 20, 4:30 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (Livestream)

Reception to follow via Zoom

Thursday, December 24, 4:30 p.m.

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Family Eucharist (Livestream)

Thursday, December 24, 10:30 p.m.

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Holy Eucharist (Livestream)

Friday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist (Zoom)

Sunday, December 27, 10:00 a.m.

The First Sunday after Christmas: Morning Prayer (Zoom)



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St. Mark's Parish Prayer List

In our Parish: Hospitality Ministries – Coffee Hour Hosts, Newcomers Committee, Special Events Hosts, Ushers and Greeters

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain

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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| • Sean Aaberg | • Everett Kinney | • Caroline Rone |
| • Bill Anderson | • Anthony (Sandy) Knettel | • Lisa Rowe |
| • Christy Blessing | • Gus Koerber | • Virginia Ruff |
| • Barbara Borsch | • Ann Lack | • Doris Strakosch |
| • Brian Brende | • Corrie Lassen | • Paul Strid |
| • Cain family | • Ben Lesser | • Teresa Vosper |
| • Rosemary Campos | • Louise Lindsay | • Alice Vest |
| • Geoff Chin | • Joan Ludlam | • Jane Weidman |
| • Roberta Cleveland | • Neil McGraw | • Diane Whiteside |
| • Geoffrey Cook | • Tim Main | • Wilkinson Family |
| • Michael Cook | • Bob Mills | • Jamey Williams |
| • Emily Crowley | • Rita Minjares | • Michael Willmore |
| • Wren Donato | • Judy Moore | • Fran Youtzy |
| • The Rev'd Michael Dresbach | • Bob Morgan | • Jose and Kim |
| • Dale Evans | • Curtis Morgan | • Jonathan |
| • Richard Dean Evans | • Virginia Muller | • Sara |
| • Deborah and Murray Flag | • Jean O'Meara | • Lynn and Drew |
| • Barbara Fuller | • Jim Pehling | • Betty Anne |
| • Martha Greenough | • Peter Piccione | • Barbara |
| • Tokie Ishiguro | • Emeline Pineda | • The Haverty family |
| • Andrew Howarth | • Cindy Pierce | • Chloe Allman and family |
| • Leonard Johnson | • Lesa Day Reed | • John |
| • Betty Key | • Cynthia Reynolds | • Bob |
| • Barbara Renton | • Eileen Rice | |

We pray for those awaiting or recovering from surgery:

- Mark Harville •Michael Starkman •Logan Learned •Wendy Wisely •Evelyn Larsen •Margo Wesley

We pray for those who have died:

- Robert Cabrera •Dennis Eimoto •Mary Lou Pape

To add a name, change a listing, or share a date of importance on the parish prayer list, please email the Parish Administrator directly at office@stmarksberkeley.org. Be sure to specify which list best suits the need. Please be mindful that this list is meant specifically for parish prayers. The list will be refreshed throughout the year.

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Office Hours

At the time we would normally be in the chapel for the weekday masses -- 12pm on Wednesdays and Fridays -- Fr. Hiller and Fr. Blake will host an hour's worth of "public office hours" for conversation about prayer, faith, or anything else on your minds. Following our usual pattern, Fr. Hiller will take Friday and Fr. Blake will take Wednesday. Check out the Lion for links.

Advent Opportunities with George!

Tuesday, December 8, 15, and 22 at 4:00 p.m. - Advent Tea with George Emblom: Everyone is welcome! Bring a drink and a snack of your choice and share in conversation and poetry reading.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89286388568?pwd=ZjdMYWZ6VlhVRFI0STdrSEhPemFKOT09>

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Thursday, December 10, and 17 at 11:00 a.m. - Advent Elevenses with George Emblom: Everyone is welcome! Bring a drink and snack of your choice and share in conversation and some poetry reading.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89102972964?pwd=R2IvZ2dmR1gvNVZ3Om8zY2Yzc2ZTZz09>

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Thank you to those who have made their 2021 pledge!

Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far! Your support is always appreciated! Thus far, we have received 64 pledges totaling \$241,945. We are well on our way towards our goal of \$250,000. If you haven't pledged yet, remember you can pledge online or Download a pledge card, then fill it out and email it to office@stmarksberkeley.org or mail it to 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704. More information can be for in our Weekly Lion.

Parish Conversations on Racial Justice

Our Sacred Ground program is underway! It's not too late to join, even now. Please just reach out to Toni or Fr. Blake if you'd like to sign up.

December InAsMuch Offering for the Paw Fund

If you wish to donate to the December InAsMuch Appeal for PAWS send a check (made out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, with PAWS on the memo line) to the Parish Office at 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 or use the Parish website:

<https://www.stmarksberkeley.org/donate/>

The monthly InAsMuch Offering at St. Mark's is named after Jesus' challenge in the Gospel of Matthew to give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, take care of the sick, and visit those in prison: *"Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these . . . , you have done it unto me."*

The Paw Fund's 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/>

The Paw Fund's goal in their words:

"The idea behind Paw Fund is simple. We help people help their pets. And when everyone can provide basic care to their pets, everyone's pets benefit. When pets are vaccinated against the diseases that most commonly affect them, when pets are spayed or neutered, when pets are treated for everyday minor medical issues like fleas or worms, the entire community is better off. Our programs work by partnering with veterinarians, public and private agencies, and most importantly with pet owners who may not be able access or afford regular vet care. By keeping pets healthy, we help to keep pets in their homes and out of animal shelters. The more we help pet owners take care of their companion animals, the fewer pets end up in our overcrowded city and county shelters."

THANK YOU for your generosity! - The Social Justice Committee of St. Mark's

The View from Luke is a Bible study series led by Fr. Michael Hiller that will be on Monday evening at 7PM on Zoom. The series will look at the entire Gospel of Luke, pericope by pericope, week by week. Should you have any question about the series, or the materials, please contact Fr. Hiller at priestly@batnet.com. Here is the link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89767873221?pwd=Ti9vT3VRVnk5JOUiERXZzSjlGK0syOT09>

Weekly Meditation sessions are via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

THERE WILL NO MEDITATION ON DECEMBER 8TH

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. For questions - Barbara Koerber (b_koerber@comcast.net).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88973398054?pwd=Y2lmbkNOZVZkeFIWY1Jlc0JlY09lZz09>

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MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note from the Director of Music:

"What is the crying at Jordan?" (Hymn 69 in The Hymnal 1982) was written by **Carol Christopher Drake**, a member of St. Mark's Choir in the 1950s. It voices a response to John the Baptist's "crying in the wilderness," of his demand that people change their lives in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. She wrote this text specifically for the present tune, St. Mark's, Berkeley, which in her words "evoked a sense of mystery and awe." The tune's first American use was in the children's songbook "Sing for Joy," compiled and edited by **Norman and Margaret Mealy**, who "were attracted to it for its haunting and simple quality." It came from a Gaelic collection, *Dánta Dé* (Dublin 1928). The tune had no name in *Dánta Dé*. A former beloved choirmaster of St. Mark's, Norman named it for St. Mark's, Berkeley, his home parish, where he served as choirmaster from 1948-1962. He also served as Professor of Church Music at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific - Episcopal (CDSP) in Berkeley from 1952-1987 and at the Graduate Theological Union from 1976-1987. We thank Norman and Meg for this gift to the church here and at large. Meg passed away this year on September 13. Here is a link to her obituary:
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=margaret-mealy&pid=196818730>

Philip Moore, the retired organist of York Minster in England arranged the piece for SATB chorus. The St. Mark's Choir has offered this setting in years past.

Christmas Carols with St. Nicholas - Sunday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Log onto Zoom and share in this intergenerational carol-singing opportunity with George Emblom on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82056447082?pwd=SWVwak1lOU52M293UzIrZXZzNWU0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 820 5644 7082 / Passcode: 416063 / One tap mobile: +14086380968

You are cordially invited to attend the Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital Series sponsored by St. Mark's, Berkeley, on Sunday, December 13. Evensong will be offered at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom, followed by an organ recital offered by Christopher Keady at 4:00 p.m. via Livestream. The Zoom reception will follow the organ recital, approximately at 4:50 p.m.

Christopher Keady is the Assistant Director of Music at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, California, serving as principal accompanist for the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys. Christopher was raised in Eugene, Oregon and earned a bachelor's degree from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, where he studied organ with Dr. Lee Garrett. He subsequently was Assistant Organist at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, accompanying the cathedral choir in a UK residency at Bristol Cathedral, and serving as course organist for the Pacific Northwest RSCM Training Course. Christopher completed an MM in Organ Performance at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, having studied with Martin Jean and served concurrently as Sacred Music Intern at the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City.

O Sapientia: The beginning of the O Antiphons - Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Log onto Zoom and share in a second carol-singing intergenerational opportunity with George Emblom on the eve of the O Antiphons. If you would like to request a carol to be sung, please contact George at music@stmarksberkeley.org no later than noon on Monday, December 14 at noon.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85089137378?pwd=K0lIR0NRbG14bkUrbFhEWUxadmJlUT09>

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Events This Week at St. Mark's

<u>Sunday, December 6</u>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent – Mark 1:1-8</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Christmas Carols with St. Nicholas	Zoom
<u>Monday, December 7</u>		
7:00 p.m.	Luke Bible Study	Zoom
<u>Tuesday, December 8</u>		
4:00 p.m.	Advent Tea with George	Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Regathering Committee	Zoom
<u>Wednesday, December 9</u>		
12:00 p.m.	Office Hours with Fr. Blake	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Choir Gathering	Zoom
<u>Thursday, December 10</u>		
11:00 p.m.	Advent Elevenses with George	Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Sacred Ground	Zoom
<u>Friday, December 11</u>		
12:00 p.m.	Office Hours with Fr. Hiller	Zoom
<u>Saturday, December 12</u>		
<u>Sunday, December 13</u>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent – John 1:6-8, 19-28</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
3:00 p.m.	Evensong	Zoom
4:00 p.m.	Organ Recital	Livestream
4:50 p.m.	Organ Recital Reception	Zoom