



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Fourth Sunday of Advent; Year B
December 20th, 2020
10:00 a.m. – via Livestream

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

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Hymn 54)

Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Trio super Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST Entrance Rite

Entrance Hymn 54

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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The Opening Acclamation

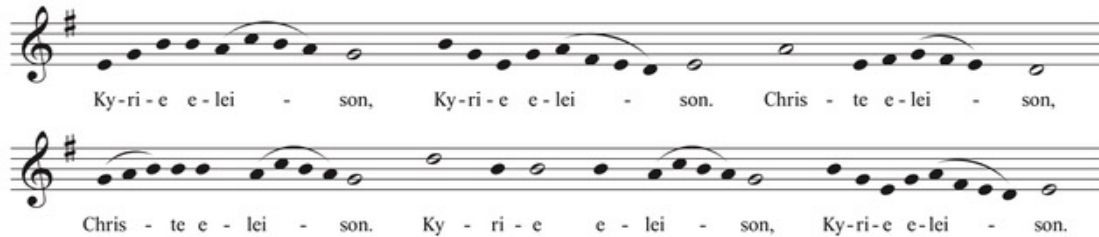
Celebrant: Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:
let the earth open and bring forth a Savior.

People: The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament shows his handiwork.
(Isaiah 45:8; Ps 19:1)

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

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.**

The Word of God

First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.



- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever / will I sing;*
from age to age my mouth will pro/claim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for / ever;*
you have set your faithfulness firmly / in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my / chosen one;*" I have sworn an oath to Da/vid my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for / ever,* and preserve your throne for all / generations.' "
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful / people:*"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out / of the people.
- 20 I have found David my / servant;*" with my holy oil have / I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will / hold him fast* and my / arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall de/ceive him,* nor any wicked / man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes be/fore him* and strike down / those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall / be with him,* and he shall be victo/rious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion ex/tend* from the Great Sea / to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my / Father,* my God, and the rock of / my salvation.'

Second Lesson

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Sequence Hymn 265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

¶*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 278

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 price of our re - demp - tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 holds her son and Sa - vior reign - ing as the Lord of love.

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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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer S-119

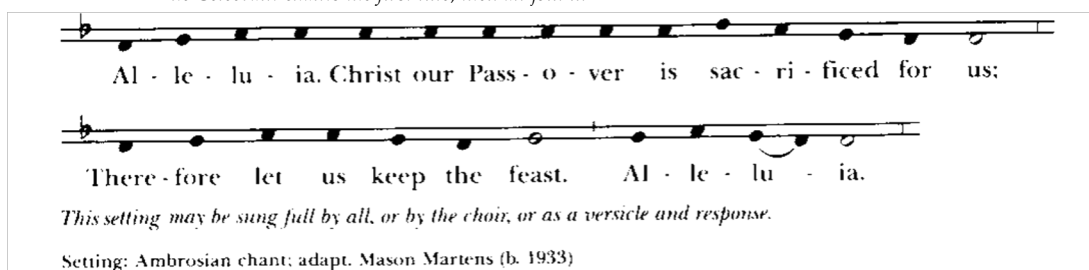


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp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



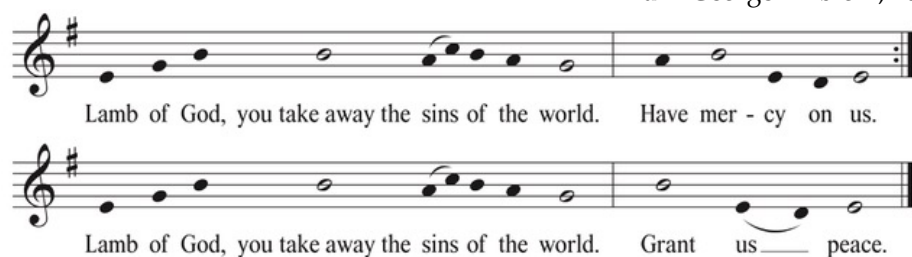
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

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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.**

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 475




1 God him-self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
 2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,
 3 Thou per - vad - est all things; let thy rad - iant beau - ty
 4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,




and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -
 soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing



in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -
 rend - er earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and
 flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or



ly draw near him. Now his own who have known
 sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known
 calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,



God, in wor - ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.
 Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.
 in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

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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 56



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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Postlude

Fugue über das Magnificat, BWV 733

Bach

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

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The Blue Advent Vestments

Made of raw silk, all the pieces were designed and sewn by Marjorie Pettyjohn, Head of the 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.*

Christmastide at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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 (Livestream)



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St. Mark's Parish Prayer List

In our Parish: Pastoral Care – Meditation & Compline, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Prayer Shawl Knitters and the Pastoral Care Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for mission agencies & their ministry throughout the world

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 | • Roosevelt Sanders |
| • Brian Brende | • Corrie Lassen | • Doris Strakosch |
| • Cain family | • Ben Lesser | • Paul Strid |
| • Rosemary Campos | • Louise Lindsay | • Teresa Vosper |
| • Geoff Chin | • Joan Ludlam | • Alice Vest |
| • Roberta Cleveland | • Neil McGraw | • Jane Weidman |
| • Geoffrey Cook | • Tim Main | • Diane Whiteside |
| • Michael Cook | • Bob Mills | • Wilkinson Family |
| • Emily Crowley | • Rita Minjares | • Jamey Williams |
| • Wren Donato | • Judy Moore | • Michael Willmore |
| • The Rev'd Michael Dresbach | • Bob Morgan | • Fran Youtzy |
| • Dale Evans | • Curtis Morgan | • Jose and Kim |
| • Richard Dean Evans | • Virginia Muller | • Jonathan |
| • Deborah and Murray Flagg | • Jean O'Meara | • Sara |
| • Barbara Forsstrom | • Jim Pehling | • Lynn and Drew |
| • Barbara Fuller | • Peter Piccione | • Betty Anne |
| • Martha Greenough | • Emeline Pineda | • Barbara |
| • Andrew Howarth | • Cindy Pierce | • The Haverty family |
| • Leonard Johnson | • Lesa Day Reed | • Chloe Allman and family |
| • Betty Key | • Barbara Renton | • John |
| | • Cynthia Reynolds | • Bob |
| | • Eileen Rice | |

We pray for those awaiting or recovering from surgery:

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

We pray for those who have died:

- Dr. Joe Karcher

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

The Musical Offering Cafe, our neighbor up the street, will be offering a Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 23. The menu is still being determined, and the price will probably be \$35 plus tax. To place an order, call (510) 849-0211. For more information, visit <https://musicaloffering.com/>.

Public Office Hours

At the time we would normally be in the chapel for the weekday masses -- 12pm on Wednesdays and Fridays -- We 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.

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 74 pledges totaling \$266,695. 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 found in our Weekly Lion.

Parish Conversations on Racial Justice

Our Sacred Ground program is underway! We are grateful to our many leaders, facilitators, and participants for helping us undertake the important work of listening, learning, and understanding our history of systemic racism -- even in the church. 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 PAWS 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 Fund 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 PAWS Fund's was organized in the East Bay in 2011 and granted nonprofit status by the IRS in 2013. Here is their website: <http://pawfund.org/>
THANK YOU for your generosity! - *The Social Justice Committee of St. Mark's*

The View from Saint Luke - Join us as we follow the ministry and teaching of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. We're in the middle of the Sermon on the Plain. Should you have any questions, please contact Fr. Hiller at priestly@batnet.com. Blessings to you.

The link for every Monday evening at 7:00 is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89767873221?pwd=Ti9vT3VRVkJOUiERXZzSjlGK0syQT09>.

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

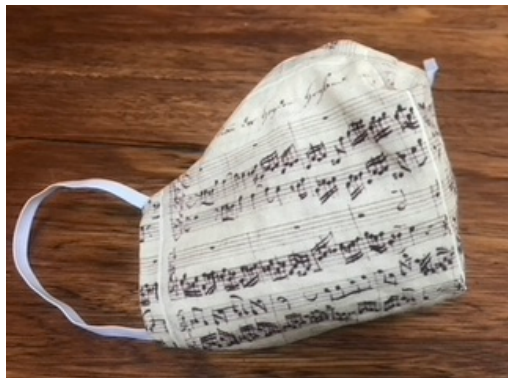
We will start by listening to a short teaching related to the meditation process and then we will meditate for 20 - 25 minutes. There will be an opportunity for questions and/or discussion, and the evening will end with Compline. These sessions will be suitable for long-time meditators as well as those who have been thinking about starting a meditation practice. For questions - Barbara Koerber (b_koerber@comcast.net).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88973398054?pwd=Y2lmbkNOZVZkeFIWY1Jjc0JlY09lZz09>

Meeting ID: 889 7339 8054 / Passcode: 830970 / One tap mobile: +16699006833

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are cordially invited to attend the Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital Series sponsored by St. Mark's, Berkeley, on Sunday, January 10th. Evensong will be offered at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom, followed by an organ recital offered by Brett Judson at 4:00 p.m. via Livestream. The Zoom reception will follow the organ recital, approximately at 4:50 p.m.



From the Director of Music:

Months ago at the beginning of the pandemic, congregant Iris Commins made me and others this wonderful mask.

Upon further study, I discovered that the music printed here is one of the three famous organ chorale settings from the Great Eighteen Chorale Preludes, (BWV 651-668) composed by J.S. Bach of the great Advent Hymn, *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* (Hymn 54).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Eighteen_Chorale_Preludes

I began working on this piece in my late 20's while in graduate school, but I was never able to finish it because it was simply too difficult for me to muster the energy to learn it. Being that it is a trio setting, it is one of most difficult genres for an organist to learn.

Trios are pieces that are not entered into lightly as there are three independent lines, somewhat like rubbing, in alternative directions, your stomach and tapping your head.

After some reflection, I made a promise to myself and to Iris that I would take the time to practice and learn this piece and eventually offer it in the liturgy on Advent IV. The good news is that I was able to keep the promise! So, this Sunday, I will offer this stellar setting after spending over three months learning it. I hope that you enjoy it and take some time to really listen to how Bach sets this haunting melody. Prior to playing the Bach, I will offer an additional setting of the melody by contemporary composer Gerald Near. Following the Bach, we will sing the chorale as our Entrance Hymn. Last Sunday, I played the other two settings (BWV 659 and BWV 661) for the opening and closing voluntaries. By my offering this additional setting, the trio of the settings has come full-circle!

I would like to thank Iris for providing the inspiration for me to finally learn this piece. In not now, when? I also express gratitude for the time to learn the piece, despite the reason for having a "little" more time.

Events This Week at St. Mark's

<u>Sunday, December 20</u>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent – Luke 1:26-38</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
4:30 p.m.	A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	Livestream
6:00 p.m.	Reception	Zoom
<u>Monday, December 21</u>	<i>St. Thomas, Apostles</i>	
7:00 p.m.	Luke Bible Study	Zoom
<u>Tuesday, December 22</u>		
4:00 p.m.	Advent Tea with George	Zoom
5:30 p.m.	Regathering Committee	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Meditation and Compline	Zoom
<u>Wednesday, December 23</u>		
12:00 p.m.	Office Hours with Fr. Blake	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Choir Gathering	Zoom
<u>Thursday, December 24</u>	<i>Christmas Eve – Parish Office Closed</i>	
4:30 p.m.	Family Eucharist	Livestream
10:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Livestream
<u>Friday, December 25</u>	<i>Christmas Day – Parish Office Closed</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Zoom
<u>Saturday, December 26</u>	<i>St. Stephen, Deacon</i>	
<u>Sunday, December 27</u>	<i>First Sunday after Christmas – John 1:1-18</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom