

Welcome to St. Mark's!

This Christmastide, we invite you to share in our joy at the dawn of salvation, the invitation to a new start for the whole world in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Wherever you may find yourself this Christmas, whether at peace or in need of peace, healthy or in need of healing, clear of conscience or in need of forgiveness, know that this holiday is for you; this Child, and the light which shines from his face, is for you. As we receive him afresh, let our joy be a sign to the world that the Light still "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - *John 1:5*

Music in Preparation for Liturgy

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern. (Hymn 497).

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Setting: *New Plainsong* by David Hurd (b. 1950)

Entrance Rite

Entrance Hymn 497

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es;
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Opening Acclamation S-76

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison S-86

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
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Gloria in Excelsis S-277



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Lesson

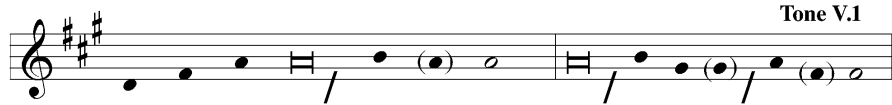
Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They

shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O / LORD of hosts!*
- My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
- my heart and my flesh re/joyce in the / living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
- and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her young;*
- by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my / King and / my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in / your house!*
- they will / always be / praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is / in you!*
- whose hearts are / set on the / pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place of springs,*
- for the early rains have covered it with / pools of / water.
- 6 They will climb from / height to height,*
- and the God of gods will reveal him/self in / Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, / hear my prayer;*
- hearken, O / God of / Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O / God;*
- and look upon the face of / your A/nointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in / my own room,*
- and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
- than to dwell in the / tents of the / wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both / sun and shield;*
- he will give / grace and / glory.
- 11 No good thing will the / LORD withhold*
- from those who / walk with in/tegrity.
- 12 O / LORD of hosts,*
- happy are they who / put their / trust in you!

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Sequence Hymn 247

Burden

Lul - ly, lul - lay, thou lit - tle tin - y child, bye - bye, lul -

ly lul - lay. 1 O sis - ters, too, how may we do
2 He - rod the King, in his rag - ing
3 That woe is me, poor child for thee!

for to pre - serve this day this poor young - ling for
charg - ed he hath this day his men of might, in
And ev - ery morn and day, for thy part - ing nor

Repeat Burden after verse 3

whom we sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay?
his own sight, all young chil - dren to slay.
say nor sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay?

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

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

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

¶*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

Celebrant: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Leader: Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families, renew our communities and keep our departed loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace. 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.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit, hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. **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 84

1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

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Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: [...] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

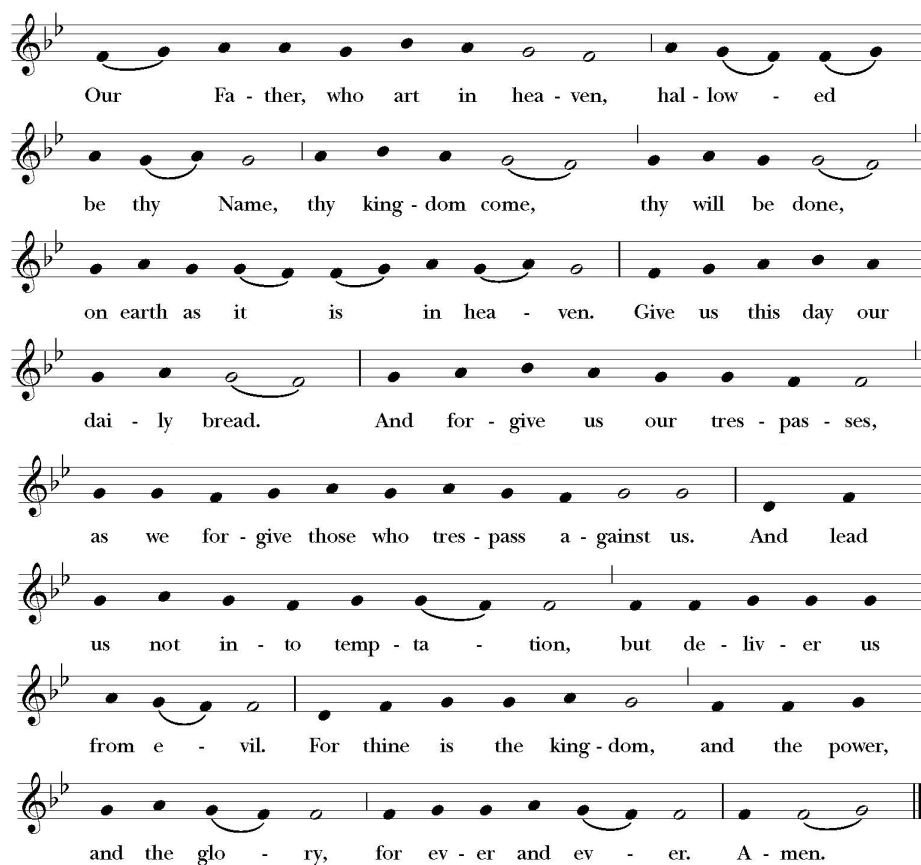
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Celebrant: [...] Therefore according to his command, O Father,

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.**

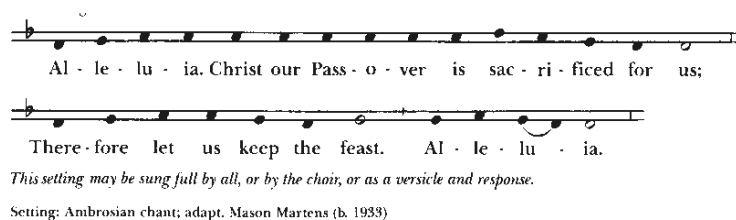
The Lord's Prayer S-119



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.

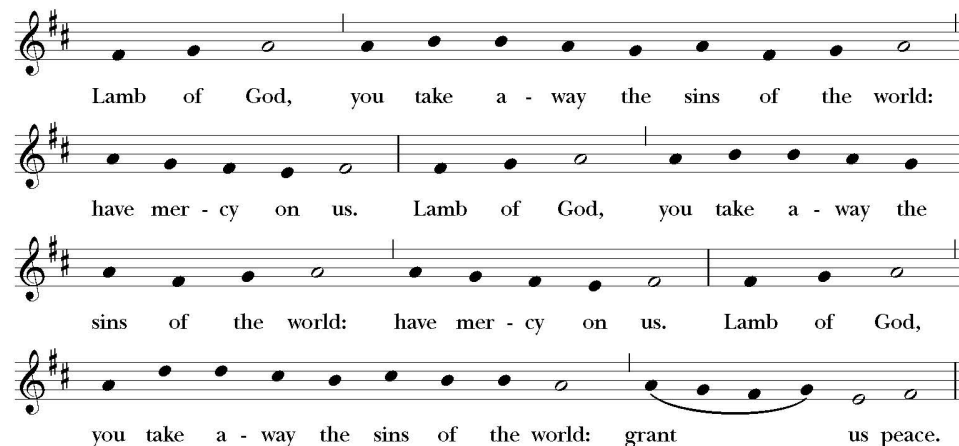
The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.
This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.
 Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Agnus Dei S-161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way 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.

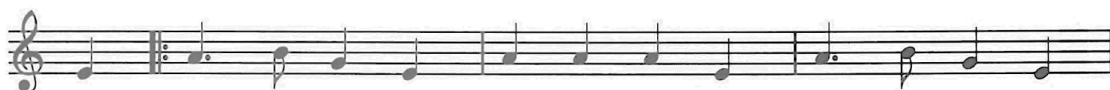
Offer a prayer of thanksgiving; this is one by St. Richard of Chichester:

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 246



1 In Beth - le - hem a new - born boy was hailed with songs of
 2 (The) sol - diers sought the child in vain: not yet was he to
 3 (Still) rage the fires of hate to - day, and in - no - cents the
 4 (Lord) Je - sus, through our night of loss shines out the won - der
 5 (May) that great love our lives con - trol and con - quer hate in



1 praise and joy. Then warn - ing came of dan - ger near: King
 2 share our pain. But down the a - ges rings the cry of
 3 price must pay, while ach - ing hearts in ev - ery land cry
 4 of your cross, the love that can - not cease to bear our
 5 ev - ery soul, till, pledged to build and not des - troy, we



1 He - rod's troops would soon ap - pear. _____ 2 The
 2 those who saw their chil - dren die. _____ 3 Still
 3 out "We can - not un - der - stand!" _____ 4 Lord
 4 hu - man an - guish ev - ery - where. _____ 5 May
 5 share your pain and find your joy. _____

Holy Innocents (December 28).

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (b. 1905)

Music: *In Bethlehem*, Wilbur Held (b. 1914)

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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.

Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

¶People respond with "Thanks be to God."

Closing Hymn 82



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♪ ♪ ♪

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Postlude

In Dir ist Freude

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
 Tak Maga, organist

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

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St. Mark's Parish Prayer List

In our Parish: Support Ministries – Counters, Check Signers and Stewardship Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Episcopal/ Anglican Province of Alexandria

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 | • Gus Koerber | • Lisa Rowe |
| • Christy Blessing | • Ann Lack | • Virginia Ruff |
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| • Rosemary Campos | • Joan Ludlam | • Teresa Vosper |
| • Geoff Chin | • Neil McGraw | • Alice Vest |
| • Roberta Cleveland | • Tim Main | • Jane Weidman |
| • Geoffrey Cook | • Bob Mills | • Diane Whiteside |
| • Michael Cook | • Rita Minjares | • Wilkinson Family |
| • Emily Crowley | • Judy Moore | • Jamey Williams |
| • Wren Donato | • Bob Morgan | • Michael Willmore |
| • The Rev'd Michael Dresbach | • Curtis Morgan | • Fran Youtzy |
| • Dale Evans | • Virginia Muller | • Jose and Kim |
| • Richard Dean Evans | • Jean O'Meara | • Jonathan |
| • Deborah and Murray Flagg | • Jim Pehling | • Sara |
| • Barbara Forsstrom | • Peter Piccione | • Lynn and Drew |
| • Barbara Fuller | • Emeline Pineda | • Betty Anne |
| • Martha Greenough | • Cindy Pierce | • Barbara |
| • Diana Hilliard | • Lesa Day Reed | • The Haverty family |
| • Andrew Howarth | • Barbara Renton | • Chloe Allman and family |
| • Leonard Johnson | • Cynthia Reynolds | • John |
| • Betty Key | • Eileen Rice | • Bob |
| • Everett Kinney | | |

We pray for those awaiting or recovering from surgery:

- Mark Harville •Michael Starkman •Logan Learned •Wendy Wisely •Nikki Reed

We pray for those who have died:

- Andre Hill

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter and updates, please sign up on our website: [St. Mark's Newsletter Sign Up](#).

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.

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.

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 75 pledges totaling \$269,695. If you haven't pledged yet, remember you can pledge online or Download a pledge card 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.

January InAsMuch Offering for the Episcopal Impact Fund of the Diocese of California

For a full list of the ministries scheduled for the coming year, please see the 2021 InAsMuch Calendar, which begins with the January Appeal for the Episcopal Impact Fund (EIF) of the Diocese of California. This can be found in the weekly Lion.

Formerly known as Episcopal Charities, EIF is the principal outreach arm of the Diocese of California, providing grants, mentorship and guidance to Episcopal churches, ecumenical ministries, and neighborhood groups that address the root causes of poverty in the Bay Area.

Much of EIF's work in 2020 was focused on helping the diocese respond quickly and generously to the needs created by the Covid-19 pandemic. Along with establishing a Rapid Response Fund and making donations to every rector's or vicar's discretionary fund, EIF approved grants to institutions in every deanery of the diocese, including The Marin Interfaith Street Chaplaincy, Oakland Elizabeth House, The Community Preschool of Grace Cathedral, Trinity Center, Abundant Grace Coastside Worker, and the Family Emergency Shelter. For more information about the work of EIF, please see:

<https://www.episcopalimpact.org/>

To donate to the January Offering for the Episcopal Impact Fund send a check (made out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, with EIF on the memo line) to the Parish Office at 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 or use the Parish website <https://stmarksberkeley.org/donate/>

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=Ti9vT3VRVWk5JOUlERXZzSjlGK0syOT09>.

Weekly Meditation sessions are 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=Y2lmbkNOZVZkeFJWY1Jlc0JlY09lZz09>

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

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, we welcome and thank for the first time, Tak Maga, who will be offering the organ postlude at the end of mass.

Tak Maga is a freshman at UC Berkeley studying economics and music, along with organ under George Emblom. Starting piano in 2005 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with Ken Bruce, he continued his studies with Richard Riccardi and later Marilyn Thompson after moving to the Bay Area in 2011. Tak started organ in 2016 with Jun Kim at St. John's Episcopal Church in Oakland, and later studied with Jonathan Dimmock. Tak, 18 and a recent graduate of San Marin High School in Novato, California, is involved with Berkeley Model United Nations, swims, and plays board games with his friends.

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. For more information, including a full bio, please check out the weekly Lion. Might you be able to support and help sustain this series, now in its 35th season? Tax-deductible contributions, at the following levels, are most welcome to help support the series. 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 very much for your support!

Events This Week at St. Mark's

<u>Sunday, January 3</u>		<i>Second Sunday after Christmas – Matthew 2:13-23</i>
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Livestream
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
<u>Monday, January 4</u>		
7:00 p.m.	Luke Bible Study	Zoom
<u>Tuesday, January 5</u>		
7:00 p.m.	Meditation and Compline	Zoom
<u>Wednesday, January 6</u>		<i>The Epiphany</i>
12:00 p.m.	Epiphany Holy Eucharist	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Choir Board Meeting	Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Choir Gathering	Zoom
<u>Thursday, January 7</u>		
6:00 p.m.	Vestry Check-In	Zoom
<u>Friday, January 8</u>		
12:00 p.m.	Office Hours with Fr. Hiller	Zoom
<u>Saturday, January 9</u>		
<u>Sunday, January 10</u>		<i>First Sunday after the Epiphany – Mark 1:4-11</i>
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	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	Livestream