

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California
The Third Sunday of Advent; Year C
December 12, 2021, 10:00am

Welcome to St. Mark's!

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



Today's service music

Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Music in preparation for worship

Seven Variations on St. Mark's, Berkeley (Hymn 69)

Karen Keene (b. 1941)

¶ *All stand to sing.*

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

Opening Sentence *Philippians 4:4-5*

Celebrant: Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, rejoice

People: *Let your gentleness be known to everyone; truly, the Lord is near.*

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.*

¶ *The Choir sings the Kyrie*

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ *All sit for the Lessons.*

First Reading *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Ecce, Deus S-214 *The First Song of Isaiah Isaiah 12:2-6*

Epistle *Philippians 4:4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 70, Herald, sound the note of judgment *Herald, Sound*

The Gospel *Luke 3:7-18*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily *The Rev. Michael Hiller*

¶ A brief silence follows the Homily.

¶ All stand for the Creed.

Credo

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially _____, and those whose year's mind falls this week _____, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Mark the Evangelist, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

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

[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

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

Confession & Absolution

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

¶A brief silence is kept.

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and
by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

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

People: *And also with you.*

¶All exchange a sign of Peace.

¶Various announcements may be made.

The Offertory

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

Offertory Anthem O Thou, the Central Orb Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.
Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

¶All stand to sing.

Offertory Hymn 481, Rejoice the Lord is King! *Gopsal*

The Sursum Corda

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

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

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

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

Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

¶All remain standing, or kneel if desired.

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

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

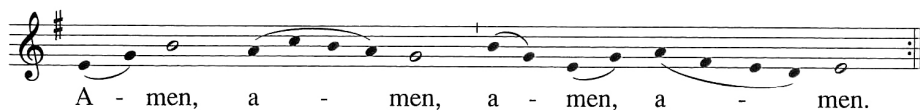
Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

¶The Celebrant continues.

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

Celebrant: [. . .] by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All:



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

¶ All sing the Lord's Prayer

Our Father



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-low'd be thy name. Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion; but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

Music: Rimsky Korsakov (1844-1908)

¶ The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

¶ A period of silence is kept.

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

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

¶The Choir sings the Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

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

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

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

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

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

Communion Anthem Rejoice in the Lord Always

Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord always:
and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men:
the Lord is e'en at hand.
Be careful for nothing;
but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.
Philippians 4: 4-7

Communion Hymn 69, What is the crying at Jordan? *St. Mark's, Berkeley*

¶ All stand to pray.

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ The Celebrant offers a seasonal Blessing.

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: *Amen.*

¶ The Liturgy concludes with the Dismissal.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Final Hymn 444, Blessed be the God of Israel *Thornbury*

Closing Voluntary

Nun komm der Heidan Heiland, BWV 661 (Hymn 54)

J.S. Bach (1685-1759)

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

Some devotional resources for Advent

The Angelus

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

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

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

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

Hail, Mary...

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

Hail, Mary... .

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

Let us pray:

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

The Great “O” Antiphons

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

December 16 *O Sapientia*

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

December 17 *O Adonai*

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

December 18 *O Radix Jesse*

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

December 19 *O Clavis David*

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

December 20 *O Oriens*

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

December 21 *O Rex gentium*

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

December 22 *O Emmanuel*

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

December 23 *O Virgo virginum*

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

Advent

Christina Rossetti (1830-94)

This Advent moon shines cold and clear,
These Advent nights are long;
Our lamps have burned year after year,
And still their flame is strong.
“Watchman, what of the night?” we cry,
Heart-sick with hope deferred:
“No speaking signs are in the sky,”
Is still the watchman’s word.

The Porter watches at the gate,
The servants watch within;
The watch is long betimes and late,
The prize is slow to win.
“Watchman, what of the night?” but still
His answer sounds the same:
“No daybreak tops the utmost hill,
Nor pale our lamps of flame.”

One to another hear them speak,
The patient virgins wise:
“Surely He is not far to seek,”--
“All night we watch and rise.”
“The days are evil looking back,
The coming days are dim;
Yet count we not His promise slack,
But watch and wait for Him.”

One with another, soul with soul,
They kindle fire from fire:
“Friends watch us who have touched the goal.”
“They urge us, come up higher.”
“With them shall rest our waysore feet,
With them is built our home,
With Christ.” “They sweet, but He most sweet,
Sweeter than honeycomb.”

There no more parting, no more pain,
The distant ones brought near,
The lost so long are found again,
Long lost but longer dear:
Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard,
Nor heart conceived that rest,
With them our good things long deferred,
With Jesus Christ our Best.

We weep because the night is long,
We laugh, for day shall rise,
We sing a slow contented song
And knock at Paradise.
Weeping we hold Him fast Who wept
For us,--we hold Him fast;
And will not let Him go except
He bless us first or last.

Weeping we hold Him fast to-night;
We will not let Him go
Till daybreak smite our wearied sight,
And summer smite the snow:
Then figs shall bud, and dove with dove
Shall coo the livelong day;
Then He shall say, “Arise, My love,
My fair one, come away.”

*cf. Matthew 25:1-13, Isaiah 21:11-12,
Habakkuk 2:1-3, Colossians 3:3,
Psalm 119:103, Revelation 21:4,
1 Corinthians 2:9, Psalm 30:5,
Genesis 32:22-32, Luke 19:41-44,
Song of Solomon 2:10-13*



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

InAsMuch Offering for December—Paw Fund

Coordinated by the Social Justice Committee, St. Mark's sponsors a monthly InAsMuch Offering named after Jesus' appeal in the Gospel of Matthew to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit those in prison: "In as much as you have done it into one of the least of these . . . you have done it unto me". Last month St. Mark's raised funds for The Hot Meals program at St. Mark's. This month we dedicate our offering to the PAW Fund based in Berkeley. The Paw Fund was organized in the East Bay in 2011 and granted nonprofit status by the IRS in 2013. Jill, the founder, moved here in 1997 and saw that there was great need for affordable vet care in the homeless communities, and was especially concerned with the population of abandoned pets at Albany Bulb, after the homeless encampments were evicted in 2000. The Paw Fund's goal is to provide low and no-cost healthcare for pets, and referrals to community members in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. They hold a free monthly vaccine clinic for cats and dogs, offer free or "pay what you can" spay and neuter services. They also provide micro-chipping at adoption services. Here is their website: <http://pawfund.org/>. They are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PawFund>. To donate to the November appeal, please place a check made out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church (with PAW Fund on the memo line) in the offering plate on Sundays or mail it to the Parish Office at 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704. You may also contribute on line using the parish website <https://stmarksberkeley.org/donate/>. Thank you for your generosity! *The Social Justice Committee of St. Mark's*

From the Director of Music: On Sunday, I will offer a newly composed set of variations on "St. Mark's, Berkeley" composed by Karen Keene. Karen contacted me a few weeks ago after she subscribed to The Lion back in October. She wanted to connect with Carol Christopher Drake, the author of Hymn 69, "What is the crying at Jordan?" because as Karen wrote: "It is her text that drove me to it along with the haunting melody from Dánte Dé that captured the attention of Norman and Margaret Mealy." I will also offer her newly composed accompaniments for the stanzas when we sing the hymn on Sunday morning. Thank you to Karen for this gift to the church at large!

THE 36TH SEASON of the Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital Series at St. Mark's, Berkeley will continue this evening, December 12, 2021. Choral Evensong will be offered at 3:00 p.m. offered by the St. Mark's Choir. At 4:00 p.m. organist **Zoe Kai Wai Lei** will offer an in-person recital on the Flentrop Organ. **Please note: In order to attend the recital in person, all those in attendance must provide proof of vaccination and wear a mask.** A reception will follow the recital.

Jean O'Meara

Parishioner Jean O'Meara died on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. A funeral Mass is being planned at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Berkeley on Saturday, December 18 at 11:00 a.m. There will also be a memorial celebration for her at St. Mark's sometime after the holidays. Interment will be held in the mausoleum at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, on Monday, December 20th at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, 13 December

4:00 p.m. Suitcase Clinic

Tuesday, 14 December

3:00 p.m. Liturgy & Theology Group Blue Door
 5:30 p.m. Regathering Committee Zoom
 7:00 p.m. Meditation and Compline Zoom

Wednesday, 15 December

12:00 p.m. Office Hours with Fr. Sawicky Zoom
 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Bridge Group Lion's Hall
 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 16 December

6:45 p.m. Vestry Meeting Library

Friday, 17 December

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel

Saturday, 18 December

1:30 p.m. Hot Meals Parish Hall
 1:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Nave

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

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nave & Livestream
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Zoom
 4:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols Nave

St. Mark's Parish Prayer List

In our Parish: Family Ministries – Childcare Coordinator, Family Ministries Committee & Childcare Volunteers

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

We pray for peace and justice in the world:

- For an end to all prejudice and wrongful discrimination.
- For Earth; for the wisdom and commitment to care for it through our practices.
- For the people serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, domestically and throughout the world.
- For those who find themselves homeless, hungry, and without proper resources.
- For refugees everywhere.

We pray for those with illness or with other needs:

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

We pray for those who have died:

- Jake Simon Lachman • Jean O'Meara • John Steil

Those Whose Year's Mind Falls this Week:

Allie Elizabeth Johnson, December 14, 2000; Sueo Trees, December 14, 1998; Anna Rothe, December 12, 1992; Joseph Anson Loveland, December 12, 1980; Virginia Paxton Allen, December 12, 1968; Aileen Faulk, December 17, 1966; Michael Rowe, December 12, 1964; Doris Mullane, December 16, 1994; Louise Haskens Meschini, December 16, 1985; Mary Jane Harrell, December 16, 1985; Alice Gompertz, December 15, 1979