

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California
First Sunday after the Epiphany; Year C
The Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022, 10:00am

Welcome to St. Mark's!

The three magi, Jesus's own baptism in the Jordan, the wedding at Cana, miracles of healing, the Transfiguration: these weeks between Christmas and Lent will contain these familiar episodes and perhaps some unfamiliar ones as well. All of them work together to reveal, gradually, several central paradoxes: that the Child in the manger, born in a particular time and place, is not for his own people alone, but for all times and places, for all people no matter their circumstance or category; that the Child before whom kings knelt with precious gifts, will be mocked by strangers; that the One by whom all things were made, whose life is the light of all people, will be crucified; and yet in whose death and descent into darkness is also the final victory of life and peace. These paradoxes and more will reveal for us the full scope of Christian hope: that by his incarnation and presence among us, Mary's son gathers humanity itself into God's glory, that as he was born of Mary, so we might be adopted of God.



Today's service music

Deutsche Messe

Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)
arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Music in preparation for worship

Prélude sur l' Introit de l' Epiphanie Maurice Duruflé (1902-1984)

¶ A chime rings and all stand to sing.

Hymn 135 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise *Salzburg*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo-ry, glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and
Fa - ther. We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry, we praise you for your glo - ry,
Lord, Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have
mer-cy on us, You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re-
ceive our pray'r, re - ceive our pray'r. For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

¶ All sit for the Lessons.

First Reading *Isaiah 43:1-7*

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



- 1 Ascribe to the / LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD / glory / and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the / beauty of / holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory / thunders; *
the LORD is upon the / mighty / waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful / voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a / voice of / splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip / like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon / like a / young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the / wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilder/ness of / Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the / oak trees writhe*
and / strips the / forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the / LORD*
all are / crying, / “Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a/bove the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as / King for / evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his / people; *
the LORD shall give his people the / blessing / of peace.

Second Reading *Acts 8:14-17*

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

¶ All stand to sing.

Sequence Hymn 116 “I come,” the great redeemer cries *This Endris Night*

The Gospel *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

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.*

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.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily *The Rev. Blake Sawicky*

¶ 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 to Christ the Lord, the sun who enlightens all, whose light will never fail.

Leader: You revealed yourself to your disciples first in a miraculous catch of fish. Guide your Church to the abundance of your grace, and show the world you provide for those who are called by your name. Lord, our Savior,

People: *Give us life.*

Leader: The nations came to worship at your crib, and the prophets said the earth would be renewed by your coming. Bring creation to its fullness, and reveal your goodness by the fair fruits of humility and mercy around the world.

Lord, our Savior,

People: *Give us life.*

Leader: In the Jordan River the Spirit rested on you like a dove. Put all our divisions under your feet, and help us enter the peace and unity of your perfect kingdom.

Lord, our Savior,

People: *Give us life.*

Leader: You changed water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Bring us to share with joy this Sunday's eucharistic feast.

Lord, our Savior,

People: *Give us life.*

Leader: In Capernaum you proclaimed liberty for the captives and healed the sick who were brought to you. Visit all who are sick or in any kind of need, and grant them the freedom you came to announce. Lord, our Savior,

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People: *Give us life.*

Leader: By your resurrection you transfigured death into the gate of life. Welcome our departed loved ones, especially _____, and keep those whose year's mind falls this week, _____. Lord, our Savior,

People: *Give us life.*

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

[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]

Leader: Lord, our Savior,
People: *Give us life.*
Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have
asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to
the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: *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.*

The Peace

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 Music

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

¶ *All stand to sing.*

Offertory Hymn 139 When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

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

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

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

Sanctus & Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, 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.

¶ *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: AMEN.

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 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

¶A period of silence is kept.

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

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

¶All sing the Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

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

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

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

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

Communion Anthem

Jesus, so lowly

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth,
christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary, and sad;
teach me that only Love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale,
be this the token, love will not fail.
Jesus, victories. mighty and free;
teach me how glorious death is to be.

Edith Williams (1889-1969)

Communion Hymn *next page*

Shall we gather at the river *Hanson Place*

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; ___
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, ___
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ___
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, ___

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God? ___
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day. ___
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown. ___
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace. ___

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

¶ *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: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

All: *Amen.*

¶ *The Liturgy concludes with the Dismissal.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Final Hymn 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized *Caithness*

Postlude

Prelude in A Major, BWV 536

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

A note on today's Communion Anthem

The communion anthem this morning “Jesus, so lowly” has earned it a beloved place in the American Episcopal choral repertory, and makes it one of only a few anthems by American composer Harold Friedell that is still widely sung. Friedell was distinguished in his own day as a faculty member of the Juilliard School and composition teacher at the Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music, in addition to holding prestigious positions as organist-choirmaster of Calvary and ultimately St. Bartholomew's Church in New York. This strophic text set here is now the only widely known poem by Edith Williams, who was the sister of poet, novelist, theologian, and scholar Charles Williams.

A Form for Spiritual Communion

At times when it is imprudent or impossible to receive Holy Communion, it is still possible to make an act of spiritual communion. This devotion can be made at any time when you are prevented from being present at the Eucharist, and takes many forms. This one comes from a book of prayers, “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; the 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.





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Serving This Week

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Blake Sawicky
<i>Music Director & Organist</i>	George Emblom
<i>Verger</i>	Kim Novak
<i>Lectors</i>	TBA
<i>Bidder</i>	TBA
<i>Vestry Host</i>	TBA
<i>Livestream Technician</i>	TBA
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Mary McWilliams

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, sign up online: [St. Mark's Newsletter Sign Up](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/JaTC1sZ)
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InAsMuch Offering for January: Episcopal Impact Fund (EIF), Diocese of Calif.

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 PAW Fund. This month we dedicate our offering to Formerly known as Episcopal Charities, EIF is the principal charitable outreach arm of the Diocese of California, providing funding, mentorship and, guidance to Episcopal churches, ecumenical ministries, and neighborhood organizations that address the root causes of poverty in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2021 EIF made over 30 housing, youth, social ministry, and congregational grants to ministries in all six deaneries in the diocese, including *Serenity House/Sister to Sister 2* (Alameda), *First Place for Youth* (Contra Costa), *St. Vincent de Paul of Marin* (Marin), *Home & Hope* (Peninsula), *Sojourn Chaplaincy* (San Francisco), and the *Food Program at All Saints' Episcopal Church, San Leandro* (Southern

Alameda). For more information about EIF, see <https://www.episcopalimpact.org/>. To donate to the January appeal, please place a check made out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church (with EIF 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*

36th Season of the Evensong / Organ Recital Series

The Evensong and Organ Recital scheduled for this afternoon, **Sunday, January 9, 2022**, have been **CANCELLED**.

The 36th Season of the Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital Series at St. Mark's, Berkeley will continue on **Sunday, February 13, 2022**, featuring organist Stefan Donner. A congregational Evensong will be offered at 3:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. the parish will welcome organist Stefan Donner, who will offer an in-person recital on the Flentrop Organ. In order to attend the recital in person, all those in attendance must provide proof of vaccination at the door and wear a mask. To help expedite entrance, please upload your proof of vaccination here: <https://tinyurl.com/352ypnjy>. The Evensong and the Organ Recital will be live-streamed. Visit the parish Website at www.stmarksberkeley.org for FB links.

The recital is free, but donations are most welcome. Please make your check payable to St. Mark's Choir Association, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. Donations may also be received on-line at <https://stmarksberkeley.org/music/friends-of-music/>. Thank you for your support.

Adult Forums Return Barring a change in Covid restrictions, we are planning a books series during Epiphany, weekly starting January 16. Thanks to Donn Morgan for taking the lead on this. We will read and discuss Brent Strawn's *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament*. The book is a short and a lively read. Books are readily available on Amazon; please order one if you plan to come. As you know, Donn is a Hebrew Bible scholar, so we will be well led. The book challenges us to see the Old Testament in a fresh way. Our default plan is for meetings place in the library in 11:30 Sunday mornings, well ventilated (air filters and an open window). Participants must be vaccinated and are encouraged to take a rapid antigen home covid test before the meeting if they have been in any settings recently that might have exposed them to the virus. We plan to remain masked during discussions. If you would like to participate, but do not feel comfortable meeting in the Library, let Donn know. We feel that in-person conversation is more effective, but we could consider changing the venue to Zoom. You may email Donn at dfmorgan@icloud.com. Adult Forums are a venerable Saint Mark's Tradition. I urge you to considering attending.

--Judith Berling, Senior Warden

WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, January 9: *First Sunday after the Epiphany – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Holy Eucharist at 8AM - Chapel
Holy Eucharist at 10AM - Nave & Livestream
Coffee Hour at 11:30AM – Lion's Hall Patio
Evensong at 3:00PM – CANCELLED
Organ Recital, Joshua Xerri, at 4:00PM – CANCELLED

Tuesday, January 11:

Liturgy and Theology Reading Group at 3:00PM – Caffè Strada
Regathering Committee at 5:30PM – Via Zoom
Meditation and Compline at 7:00PM - Via Zoom

Wednesday, January 12:

Office Hours with Fr. Blake at 12:00PM – Via Zoom
Holy Eucharist at 12:10PM – Chapel
Bridge Group at 5PM - Lion's Hall
Choir Board Meeting at 5:30PM – Library

Friday, January 14

Meditation at 11:30AM - Chapel
Holy Eucharist at 12:10PM - Chapel

Saturday, January 15

Hot Meals for the Hungry at 1:30PM

Sunday, January 16: *Second Sunday after the Epiphany - John 2:1-11*

Holy Eucharist at 8AM - Chapel
Holy Eucharist at 10AM - Nave & Livestream
Coffee Hour at 11:30AM - Lion's Hall Patio

Monday, January 17: *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Parish Offices Closed*

St. Mark's Parish Prayer List

In our Parish: Liturgical Ministries – Acolytes, Vergers, Crucifers, Bidders, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, & Worship Committee

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

We pray for peace and justice in the world:

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

We pray for those with illness or with other needs:

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

We pray for those who have died:

- *The Rev. Martha Buck*
- *bell hooks*
- *Sheppard Kominars*
- *Jean O'Meara*
- *Bob Powell*
- *Curtis Morgan*
- *Robert Morgan*
- *John Steil*
- *The Rev. Desmond Tutu, Archbishop*
- *Vivian Jackson*
- *William Stoffel*
- *Gilda Alfieri*

Those Whose Year's Mind Falls this Week:

Nigel Renton, 10 January 2021; Barbara Frick, 11 January 2009; Florence Noel, 10 January 1985; Oswald E. Griffin, 9 January 1982; Grace Hoskins, 9 January 1980; Leslie Bruman, 12 January 1980; George Hawkins, 13 January 1978; Thomas Greene Simril, 10 January 1973; Dorothea Harris, 14 January 1966; Phillip Jerome Saunders, 15 January 1968