



# THE GOOD NEWS

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For the Week beginning December 6, 2020

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## WORSHIP

**Worship this Sunday 10AM on Facebook Live, You Tube and on our Website!**

<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepisopalparishupland/posts/3618831911517467>

**Call in option: +1.888.958.7272 - wait for prompt to enter code- 366574115 #**

### **In-Spirit Worship Readers**

Our schedule has moved to our website, [www.stmarks-upland.org](http://www.stmarks-upland.org). Please check the schedule and use the readings and psalms on the lectionary pages found [here](#).

### **Watch Last Sunday's Service on YouTube:**

Please subscribe to the St. Mark's YouTube page so that we can have access to more editing tools from YouTube. Many thanks to Landon Abernathy.

### **Check-In, Bible Study & Prayer**

Join us Monday through Thursday from 8:15 to 8:50 am for Prayer and Bible Study - prayer sheets available on the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/>  
Meeting ID: 937 8054 5256 <https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>

### **Wednesday Evening Taizé Services at 7:30 pm**

Taizé Worship, Wednesday, at 7:30 pm on Zoom - join via computer, tablet, or smartphone with this link: <https://zoom.us/j/98723305020?pwd=U1NFY0JlOFJmL2pMenVheUdTQlBaQT09>  
Meeting ID: 987 2330 5020. Password: taize

### **Five at Five**

From December 16<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we invite you to tune into Five at Five. Each evening at 5PM, we will have a five-minute meditation or reading leading up to Christmas Eve. More information next week.

### **Christmas Services**

Christmas Eve services will be Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube at 5PM and again at 10:30PM. The later service will include a prelude concert featuring the choir, praise band, and various soloists.

December 25<sup>th</sup> 10AM Rev. Keith will host Morning Prayer and will tune in for Bishop Diane's Christmas sermon. Join us on Zoom, or watch on Facebook or YouTube. Pajamas okay!

<https://zoom.us/j/98049152934?pwd=ZExLQXUweW9SK2E1eIBuVXZZRDlrdz09>, password xmas2020

### **The Lord's Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer is the one prayer in every Episcopal service. It can be presented in many different meaningful ways, forms, and languages. Please be an evangelist and consider inviting individual and groups, members and non-members, Episcopalians, and Christians to present the Lord's Prayer. Please be sure that the presentation is done with authenticity, integrity, and reverence. Please also consider the safety guidelines of our diocesan, medical and civic leaders. Please contact Andrea Griffin for more information.

## **Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Life Hallmarks due by the 25th**

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary next month? Please let us know and send a photo by the 25th of the month before your celebration month. The visual celebration will be on the first Sunday of the month. Send to "blessings@stmarks-upland.org."

## **FAITH-FILLED GENEROSITY: PLEDGE BLESSINGS NOV 22**

### **2021 Stewardship Pledge Drive Update**

Many thanks to all those who have participated in our 2021 Pledge Drive "Faith Filled Generosity." Please be aware that due to brand new online systems of collecting pledge information some parishioners who faithfully completed pledge cards were sent "reminder" notices. I apologize for any confusion that this has caused. If you did not receive an acknowledgment of your pledge from Katherine please contact the church office. Please know that your contributions and giving via USPS and [PayPal](#) are secure. Many thanks for your understanding and patience.

Rev. Keith Yamamoto

## **FELLOWSHIP & WELLNESS**

### **The Stories of Advent: Preparing for Christmas Advent Quiet Day, Saturday December 5**

Join us for St. Mark's Advent Quiet Day on Zoom, Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 AM to 11:55 AM (with breaks). Through passages of scripture, paintings, and music we will experience the stories of Mary and others who were told about Jesus' coming. How did they prepare? How will we get ready for Christmas? Email [stillpoint@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:stillpoint@stmarks-upland.org) for more information and to register.

### **Virtual Christmas Party via Zoom**

**Date: Saturday, December 19th Time: 2:00 P.M. Where: Zoom Meeting ID: 980 6225 3589 Password:**

#### **Fellowship**

Show us your Holiday Decorations, your Christmas Tree, your favorite Christmas Ornament, your Hand-Decorated Christmas Cookie, or your Homemade Christmas Dessert!

Share with us a favorite Christmas Memory or Story.

Or just hang out and enjoy some great fellowship with your St. Mark's Family!

Rumor has it, Santa will be Zooming in from the North Pole!

### **Helping Hands Needed**

This is to let all know that Marion Steese is back at home continuing to recover. Her spirits are high, and her attitude is positive. She could use a little help with meals and groceries. No need to cook or shop, just dial your favorite delivery service. (Unless you want to.) In order to coordinate the service just contact Jennifer Stone [helpinghands@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:helpinghands@stmarks-upland.org) and let her know what you'll be doing. Everything is helpful.

### **St. Mark's Book Club meets Third Saturdays from 10 to 12 noon**

The St. Mark's Book Club will be gathering on the third Saturday of the month from 10-12 noon. Please contact any member or Sue Andrews, Coordinator, at [BookClub@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:BookClub@stmarks-upland.org) for more information.

### **Women's Prayer Breakfast Meets Fridays at 11am**

The women's prayer breakfast meets every Friday at 11 am via Zoom. All women are invited to join us. Please contact Kathryn Barbour at [womensprayerbreakfast@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:womensprayerbreakfast@stmarks-upland.org)

### **Pinochle Group meeting Wednesdays 9am to 12noon**

Want to know how to play cards via zoom? Join the Pinochle group. They now play on Wednesdays from 9am to 12 noon. For more information, please contact Chris Watson at [stpeter@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:stpeter@stmarks-upland.org).

### **Calling all Puzzlers**

Have you completed your puzzle? Are you ready to bring it to the church for inclusion in the World's Largest Puzzle? Please note, the church is open Monday through Thursday from 8AM to 2PM. Please call the church office before coming to make sure someone is there to help.

### **Bishop's Curry's "Love is the Way": A 5-week Church-wide Book Study: 11/25; 12/2, 9 & 16**

Bishop Curry offers an inspirational road map for living the way of love. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love is the Way* shows how America came this far and, more importantly, how it can go a whole lot farther. In the words of reviewer Jon Meacham, "Michael Curry draws on his own remarkable life to show us the way we might make our own lives, and the lives of nations, warmer, better and nobler." Beginning on **Wed, Nov 18** at 7 p.m., the online "Love is the Way" program will offer participants the opportunity to engage across geographical and congregational differences that challenge us and reflect on the love that binds us together; God's love and the reflection of that love in human lives. Sessions will continue on **Wednesdays, Nov. 25 and Dec. 2, 9 and 16**. Each session will include a reflection on a segment of the book followed by conversation in community using a listening and learning circle model. To take part in the book study series, click [here](#) to register in advance.

## **OUTREACH**

### **November Outreach**

Foothill Family Shelter distributed 737 Thanksgiving baskets plus generous bags of food when the baskets ran out. Thank you to the Daughters of the King, Girls Friendly Society, Breakfast Baggers and individuals for donating baskets or money. Your donations were greatly appreciated. For December, please remember all of our outreach programs. You can donate to our partnership in Haiti and if you would like to do so in someone's name, Canon Serena Beeks will make a certificate for you. I will be happy to do the same thing for any donations to Foothill Family Shelter. Just let us know. David Nalbach will be collecting food for Touch on Dec. 19th. Fast food gift cards are always welcome for Touch recipients. \_\_Thanks,  
Kay Alexander, Senior Warden

### **FUN-raiser Covid-19 Emergency Appeal**

Join us in giving generously to the One Body & One Spirit Emergency Appeal to help our congregations and ministries most at risk during this crisis. The mailing address for checks made payable to "Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles" is: Bishop John Harvey Taylor c/o the Rev. Michele Racusin, CFO; 840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

### **Choristers**

Children in grades 3-6, are invited to join Choristers on Tuesday afternoons at 4PM via Zoom for a half hour. If you have a young singer who would like to participate, please email me at [music@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:music@stmarks-upland.org) for the link.

God bless everyone,  
Blane Abernathy, Organist and Director of Music

**Youth Group News** During our time away, we have been meeting online using Zoom and in messages. We are currently meeting via Zoom, please check your messages for dates and times. If you would like to be added to the group, please message Rob Garretson at [youth@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:youth@stmarks-upland.org). Also, please note that all our in-person activities with other groups such as the Deanery, TOUCH, etc. are on hold until further notice. Thanks, and stay safe and healthy,  
Rob Garretson  Director of Youth Ministries

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **We are Praying for You – The Daughters of the King**

Please send your prayer requests to [prayer@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:prayer@stmarks-upland.org). Or contact the clergy or a member of the Daughters of the King who pray both daily individually and together every Sunday before the morning service.

### **Church and Preschool Christmas Vacation Closings**

The Church and Preschool will be closed from December 21<sup>st</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Office and school will reopen on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Your Contributions Make a Difference, Thank You!**

Please send pledges or donations to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th Street, Upland, CA 91784. You may wish to set up automatic "bill pay" or "online banking" through your financial institution. Or you may make your donation through [PayPal](#). Donations are being accepted through our email address, [contributions@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:contributions@stmarks-upland.org).

### **Donate through Amazon Smile®**

Support St. Mark's every time you shop on Amazon. Sign up here: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-2074628>. Each time you shop you will automatically designate a portion of your total will go to Saint Mark's to assist with our programs.

### **Submissions for the Church Newsletter**

Please send articles and news for "The Good News" to [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org) by Tuesday.

St. Mark's Episcopal Parish: A Community of Grace

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We embrace Christ at the center of our lives, sharing the Gospel with all people and loving ourselves and each other as Christ loves us

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*We are Eucharistically centered and rejoice in the tradition of a strong preaching ministry. We welcome all people into the worship and life of St. Mark's and celebrate the diverse needs and gifts of individuals. We seek and foster opportunities for spiritual growth and nurture. We offer a network of support which encourages pastoral care by parish members. We participate in a consistent stewardship effort to tend and beautify the church, to strengthen education and to struggle for social justice. We are a community of grace feeding hungry hearts in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.*