



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

THE GOOD NEWS

Eastertide Sunday April 11, 2021

Online Diocesan Service for Eastertide: April 11

Bishop John Harvey Taylor invites the diocesan community to an online service the second Sunday of Easter, April 11. The service will be livestreamed and available for viewing on demand on the diocese's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Bishop's Visitation: April 25

The Bishop will join us for confirmations and official admission to the Episcopal denomination on Sunday, April 25, St. Mark's Day. Please keep in your prayers our candidates: John and Vicki Levario, Sharon and Ed Muehlbacher, and Jana G. *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*



The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor is the seventh bishop of the six-county Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles encompasses 65,000 Episcopalians in some 135 congregations and ministry centers located in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Served by some 400 clergy, the diocese also includes some 40 Episcopal schools and 10 social service and chaplaincy institutions.

A lifelong Episcopalian, Taylor was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1954, the son of journalists and formerly served as chief of staff to former President Richard M. Nixon and later as the executive director of the

Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, Calif.

He received a bachelor's degree in political science at the UC San Diego, and an M.Div. at the Claremont School of Theology and Bloy House. He is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. He was ordained a priest in January 2004 and served as curate at the Church of St. Andrew the Apostle in Fullerton. He was ordained to the episcopate on July 8, 2017. Before his election, Taylor served as vicar of St. John Chrysostom Church and School in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Please support the work of our bishop and diocese through a donation to the COVID-19 Emergency Appeal | One Body & One Spirit. Also, all the loose offering on April 25 will be designated for the bishop's discretionary fund. Please be as generous as you can.

Check-In, Bible Study & Prayer

Join us Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 9:40AM 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 Service

Weekly Taizé services will resume on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30pm via Zoom - join via computer, tablet, or smartphone with this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98723305020?pwd=U1NFY0JlOFJML2pMenVheUdTQlBaQT09>

Meeting ID: 987 2330 5020. Password: taize

Your feedback is welcome. Please know that we are learning from our mistakes. And there is plenty of room for growth. Please send your comments and suggestions to:

parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

An Invitation to Further Reflection: A Sermon Appraisal

"An effective sermon offers one clear message of good news authentic to the preacher relevant to the audience holding attention and inviting transformation." from Backstory Preaching Please consider completing a sermon appraisal here:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5820275/Mentorship2-0-2020>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Into Eternal Life: Joseph Osterkamp

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph "Joe" Osterkamp, almost 97, father of Kathy (Betsy) Osterkamp. Joe passed away this week after entering hospice on Easter Day. He is predeceased by his wife Margaret. "We take comfort that they will be together for his birthday."

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Joe. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

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](mailto: blessings@stmarks-upland.org)

Prayer requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org

STEWARDSHIP

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.

OUTREACH

Foothill Family Shelter

URGENT NEED! Their pantry is getting bare. Below is a list of items most urgently needed.

- Boxed potato products (mashed, au gratin, etc.)
- Chef Boyardee

- Canned chili
- Rice-a-Roni
- Oatmeal (individual packets for easy distribution)
- Canned beans (pinto, black, garbanzo, kidney, etc.)

You may take them directly to the Shelter Office at 1501 West 9th Street, #D, Upland, or bring them by the back parking lot of the church on Tuesday March 30, from 7pm to 7:45 pm.

Thanks for all you do, Rosalyn breakfasterbaggers@StMarks-upland.org

Blood Donors Needed: Our Next Blood Drive is Friday, April 30

Communities and hospital patients across the country count on the American Red Cross for help every day. As a Blood Donor, you play a critical role in providing help to those in need. Please help by clicking on the link [Schedule Now!](#) Our next Blood Drive is Friday, April 30 from 8 AM to 2 PM in the Parish Hall.

The St. Mark's Commission for Racial Justice and Equity – Voices for Reconciliation

“This is My Story” begins on Sunday, April 18

To continue the work of the St. Mark's Commission, a new series will open the conversation about how each of us has experienced race. Whether Black, Asian American, or part of the privileged white population, we all have stories to tell, and learning about one another is key to working toward racial justice and equity in our country. On Sunday, April 18, we begin with **Andrea Flasher** giving her first-person account of being a Mexican-American, who has also benefitted from white privilege. This bimonthly story forum will be offered during part of our “coffee hour” time on **Sundays at 11:15 AM on Zoom**, and each time a different parishioner will give her or his auto-biographical account. After the story has been told, you will have a chance to meet with others in a small breakout group to reflect on what you heard. This is not a question-and-answer session with the speaker present, and it is not a discussion of current events involving racial issues. Instead, your participation will remain focused on your own reaction in comparison with your experience. We hope you will join us as we get to know and understand one another better.

Page Turners – New book study group

In response to the racial unrest that occurred in 2020, St. Mark's began work last Fall for the formation of the above-mentioned Commission. To date, the Planning Committee has established Vision and Mission Statements, and soon we will complete our Objectives and Activities. However, to get a jump start on our proposed Activities, a new Zoom-format book study group will begin soon. Our first book will be *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. We will meet every two weeks beginning Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and will continue through until May 25 (will skip Apr 6). Discussion leaders for this book will be John and Andrea Flasher. If this time is inconvenient for you, it is our hope that you will purchase *Caste* and study with us at your leisure. We will need your email address to send Zoom ID information. For more information regarding Page Turners or the new Commission, please contact Andrea Flasher at racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org.

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GFS Meetings on Zoom

Girls Friendly Society is an organization for girls between 5 and 21. Meetings are scheduled for 4PM every other Monday. Topics include women of the church and relevant topics of interest to young women. The meetings will be brief, about 40 minutes, and include fellowship, a reading, an activity, and prayer. I look forward to seeing the girls. For further information please contact Rosalyn Foster at gfs@stmarks-upland.org

Choristers Rehearse Tuesdays at 4 PM

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 for the link. God bless everyone,
Blane Abernathy, Organist and Director of Music

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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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