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# THE GOOD NEWS

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For the Week beginning November 29, 2020

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## WORSHIP

### **November In-Person Worship Now In-Spirit**

The November in-person worship has been cancelled due to the serious and widespread rise in COVID cases. Our prayers continue for those feeling isolated, not able to join us for in-spirit worship, children and the elderly, the vulnerable and at risk, the sick and their families, health care workers, and anyone affected by COVID.

The work of the Worship committee and the Readiness Planning Taskforce continue. Our top priority is the health and safety of all our participants. We are making short-term sacrifices so that we can all be together on the other side of this.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Prayer In-Spirit Services, Wed, Nov 25: 8:15 AM and 6 PM**

Join us on Zoom for In-Spirit Thanksgiving Eve Morning Prayer on Wednesday, Nov 25

8:15 AM Meeting ID: <https://zoom.us/j/9968031119>

6 PM Meeting ID: <https://zoom.us/j/93332652980>

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

Watch on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UeCaM9xcpo> or Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland/posts/3597029330364392>

Call in option: **+1.888.958.7272** - wait for prompt to enter code- **#736577939**

### **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.

### **Office Hours: Check-In, Bible Study & Prayer (Suspended 11/26&27)**

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: 996 8031 1119 <https://zoom.us/j/99680311119>

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

#### **No Taizé November 25, Thanksgiving Eve**

Taizé Worship resumes Wednesdays, 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

### **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."

### **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.

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

Our 2021 Stewardship Pledge Drive culminates on November 22 with the blessing of pledges. It's not too late to turn in a pledge. The pledge card can be filled out and submitted online. Please click on the link [here](#) and complete the form. If you do not have access to email, please contact the church office and your pledge card will be mailed to you via the USPS. Please know that you can change your pledge at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Levario.

## **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.

### **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 live 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 Haiti Partnership**

Please continue to support St. Andre's Church and School in Haiti as our November highlighted Outreach Program. Thank you to Serena and Guen for your great videos on how to support them through prayer and donations.

### **TOUCH Update**

Thanks to all who contributed to the November food collection for TOUCH. Seventeen pounds of food, 4 items of clothing, 16 hygiene items, and \$175 in fast food gift cards were donated. The next collection will be on Dec. 19th, 2020. For more info, call Dave Nalbach, (909)635-4297.

### **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**

#### **No choristers November 22, Thanksgiving week.**

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**

### **Church office to be closed for Thanksgiving week, November 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Preschool News**

Preschool will be closed for Thanksgiving week, November 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<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](https://www.paypal.com). 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.*