

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



JANUARY 10, 2021
10.00 AM

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 EAST PECAN STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Welcome!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with the St. Mark's community. Whether you are in San Antonio, a long-time member, or a visitor who is joining via streaming, we are grateful for your presence. We hope you will look at our many varied offerings.

The website, www.stmarks-sa.org is regularly updated and your best source of information. Our weekly eNews and parish Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stmarkssa) also contain helpful information for you to connect with us. If you are visiting, please let us know by filling out an online visitor card.

These months have provided many challenges and we continue to creatively strive to attend to our foundations. Prayer and worship may look different, but they are still available to us. We are reminded of the gift of Jesus Christ and the life of faith and discipleship he offers to all who seek him. He promises to be present and overcome all barriers to bring life to places that seem beyond the love and grace of God.

We are grateful you have joined us today. For our 10 am services we offer Spiritual Communion on the first Sunday of the month and Morning prayer the other Sundays. Given the current burden of COVID-19 in our city, we are only offering streamed worship at this point. We look forward to resuming outdoor and indoor in-person services once those conditions improve. Please check our website regularly to see where we are in terms of warning levels.

Our bible studies are meeting regularly and there are regular formation opportunities available by Zoom. Video resources are available for our children. Our youth are also gathering regularly. We also offer Morning Prayer at 8:30 and Compline at 7 pm Monday through Fridays on Facebook Live.

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our community. Our financial gifts support what God is doing at St. Mark's to make ministry possible throughout the week including all of our streaming offerings. Please take a moment now to make a gift to support ministry at St. Mark's.

- Give online. <https://www.stmarks-sa.org/give/>
- Text your gift amount to 210-399-0072
- Mail a check to the church office at 315 E. Pecan St., San Antonio, TX 78205

We give thanks for you and welcome you wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey!

Peace,

The Reverend Elizabeth Knowlton, Rector
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

VOLUNTARY • *Song of Peace*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

HYMN 121 • *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

Caithness

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free-dom find.

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Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

VENITE (*Psalms 95:1-7*)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

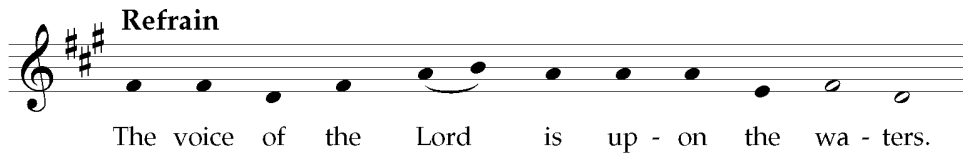
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!



Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Refrain

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

Refrain

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

Refrain

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Refrain

The Lessons

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The Word of Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

THE 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.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PARISH NOTICES

ANTHEM • *Carol of the Baptism*

music: George Brandon (1924 – 2001)
based on Heb. 10:7; Ps. 40:7, Matt. 3:13-17

“I come,” the great Redeemer cries, “To do thy will, O Lord!”
At Jordan’s flood, behold! He seals the sure prophetic word.
“Thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness,” he said,
then, faithful to the Lord’s commands, through Jordan’s stream was led.
Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks from heaven’s exalted height:
“This is my Son, my well-beloved, in whom I do delight.”
Jesus the Savior, well-beloved! His name we will profess,
like him, desirous to fulfill God’s will in righteousness.
No more we’ll count ourselves our own but his in bonds of love.
Oh may such bonds forever draw our souls to things above.

INTERCESSIONS

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your beloved children who suffer from illness or any kind of trouble, especially...and those with long-term concerns.... Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened by your presence, and may have confidence in your loving care. We pray also for those who have died *especially*...that they may know the fullness of your presence, and for those who grieve, that they may be surrounded by your love.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 139 • *When Jesus went to Jordan's stream*

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam



1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -
 2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -
 3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -

bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came
 scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known
 di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,

a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -
 in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he
 and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed

lov - ed Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."
 raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or
 world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,

And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or
 to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him
 but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the

wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.
 nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.
 Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

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THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY • *Prélude sur l'introït de l'Épiphanie*

Maurice Duruflé (1902 – 1986)

PRAYER LIST *(updated 1/7/21)*

Immediate Needs:

Royce Balzer
Susan Beardslee
Aynsle Baird Brown
Charlie
Chris
Jean Dahlgren
William "Bill" Dean
Vic DeForest
Melton Dornbusch
Mardi Dunkley
Tyler Fakhoury
Charles Field
Jennifer Franklin
Michael Franklin
Jamie Johnson
Frank Jones
Kristin Jones
Brenda Kingery
Tom Kingery
Carol Lee Klose

Bill Matthews
JD Monk
Grace Ohlenbush
Genese Rayburn & baby
Ann Reeks
Cathy Robinson
Cheryl Sanders
Jane Scaffier
Edward Schuckman
BC Smith
Patricia Scott
Kathleen Seale Withers
Sharon Cotton Wood
Harold Yochem

Those with long-term concerns:

John Beers
Juan Jose Davila
Ruby Garza
Fernando Guerra
Harry Guidry

Gloria Guzman
Alice Haney
Anna Jane Hays
Eleanor Johnson
Jason Morris
Ruth Peyton
Eleanor Phelps
Frank Sitton
Patsy Warncke

Deaths:

Gloria Galt
Allen Gaston
Helen Glass
David William Jauer
Carrie Spencer
John Thrush

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: **David William Jauer** by Liz and Joy Jauer; **Carrie Spencer** by Bill Yates; and **Pauline Gillespie Gossett, his wife**, by Robert F. Gossett, Jr.; and in honor of the **Galt sisters** and in thanksgiving for the support and prayers of **St. Mark's** by Megan and Tres Steves.

Service Participants

Preacher:

The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, *Rector*

Officiant:

The Rev. Matthew Wise, *Associate Rector*

Assisting:

The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser, *Associate Rector*

Musicians:

Jon Johnson, *Director of Music & Organist*
Samuel Gaskin, *Assistant Organist & Choirmaster*
St. Mark's Staff Singers (*Cantoris*)

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Parish Notices

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

ADULT FORMATION

To view all Adult Formation offerings, [visit the website](#).

Sunday Morning Formation - Where the Light Shines Through: The Stained-Glass Speaks

Sunday, January 10 & 17

9.00am via [Zoom](#)

Led by The Rev. Matt Wise & Meredith Rogers, Director of Youth Ministries

We are all missing our gorgeous, historic sanctuary, so why not learn a bit more about that sacred space? Portrayed in each of our beloved stained-glass windows at St. Mark's are stories from scripture, from the Diocese of West Texas, and from our history as a parish in San Antonio. This class calls us to listen to the stories our windows tell about who we are and where we've come from.

Zoom information for this class can be found [online](#).

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Each Sunday at 10.00am we gather in-person outdoors and online for worship. Make plans to join us each Sunday via [Facebook Live](#), our [website](#), [the app](#), or on [YouTube](#).

ST. MARK'S SECOND SUNDAYS

Sunday, January 10 at 7.00pm

Make plans to join us online for this beautiful offering! [Read more](#) about the concert and musicians on our website. This service will be streamed on [Facebook](#), the [Watch Live page](#) of the website, [YouTube](#), and our [app](#).

UPCOMING

ARE SERVICES HAPPENING? ST. MARK'S COVID PLAN

St. Mark's offerings follow the risk levels reported by the city. **When we are in the orange, as we are now: streaming only, no in-person attendance.** City guidance is available [online](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS TO THE STREET – THANK YOU!

Thank you for making the virtual Christmas to the Street possible this year! We exceeded our donation goal and were able to feed more than 1,175 people on December 17. We also were able to send additional funds to Haven for Hope and St. Vinny's Bistro due to your generosity. Thank you for making this fabulous BBQ meal at Haven for Hope and St. Vinny's Bistro possible!

2021 WARDENS

St. Mark's is delighted to announce the appointment of Laura Wickham as Junior Warden. Brooks Englehardt will complete the second year of his term as Senior Warden. The Wardens serve two-year terms, to provide more continuity. The terms are overlapping, so each calendar year one of the wardens will be entering their first year of service. Please join us in thanksgiving for Brooks and Laura!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING EPIPHANY BABY SHOWER

You are invited to take part in the annual Epiphany Baby Shower, hosted by the St. Mark's Chapter of the Order of The Daughters of the King! Good Samaritan Community Services has put together an Amazon wish list for parishioners to shop from. The [wish list](#) will be available until January 31. If you have already purchased a gift and would like to drop it off at the church, please come by Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. There is a box for donations at the Gosnell Hall entrance. A special thank you from the Daughters of the King for your participation in this online event!

NEWCOMER ZOOM GATHERING

Sunday, January 31

11.15am via [Zoom](#)

Join other newcomers, current members, and St. Mark's clergy for conversation and learn more about getting connected at St. Mark's. Our next Newcomer Gathering will be on [Zoom](#).

MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE

Take a moment to look back on the past 365 days of your life. Years from now, when you talk about 2020, what stories will you tell? ...While reliving much of 2020 may sound like a terrible idea, psychologists say it's a better way to start the new year. Looking back will help you build on the lessons you learned, and you may even discover some hidden positive habits you didn't realize you had started...

"I don't think we've given ourselves enough credit," said [Kelly McGonigal](#), a health psychologist and lecturer at Stanford University and author of "[The Willpower Instinct](#)." "I don't think we have had the emotional appreciation that we need and deserve for the kind of year many people have had. The reflection that's needed right now is a real, honest and self-compassionate look at what's been lost, who's been lost and what it is that you want to choose to remember about 2020. Reflection is a way of being ready to move forward into the new year."

-Tara Parker-Pope, [The New York Times](#)

STEWARDSHIP 2021 - THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

Thank you to all who have pledged to St. Mark's for 2021. We are at 90% of our goal!

St. Mark's depends on your generosity to make worship, ministry, and formation possible. Household giving makes up 70% of our budget. If you haven't had a chance yet, please prayerfully consider your pledge.

[Click to Pledge](#)

[Bishop Reed's Stewardship Message](#)

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, FORMATION OFFERINGS, & ZOOM GATHERINGS

COFFEE HOUR VIA ZOOM

Sundays at 11.15am

Join us on Sundays at 11.15am for Coffee Hour! We'll gather on [Zoom](#) for some time for fellowship and to check-in with each other.

THE DAILY OFFICE

Morning Prayer

We are offering Morning Prayer, Monday through Friday. We hope you make plans to join us via [Facebook Live](#) at 8.30am. This is a more lengthy service with multiple scripture readings. Resource for Morning Prayer: [Mission St. Clare](#) - they also have an app for smart phones.

Compline

We are offering Compline, Monday through Friday. We hope you and your family will make plans to join us via [Facebook Live](#) at 7.00pm. This is a shorter service and would be great for families to do together! Resource for Compline: [BCP Online](#) - on the left side, click "Daily Office", then click "An Order for Compline"

ZOOM GATHERINGS

Questions about Zoom? Email Rachel Dugger at rdugger@stmarks-sa.org.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays at 7.00am via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID - 946-349-785, password – stmlion315).

Time Out Bible Study

Thursdays at 10.00am via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID - 979-222-853, password – stmlion315).

Art Class

Tuesdays at 10.00am via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID - 359-019-174, password – stmlion315).

Pauline Letters Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6.30pm via [Zoom](#). (Meeting ID - 884 4007 6632, password - stmlion315)