



# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Liturgy---10:00 O'clock AM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Our Mission Statement

To spread the Gospel to all people through hospitality, service, and spiritual growth.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2019

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**PRELUDE**

Christ our Lord to Jordan came

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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*Celebrant:* 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.*

**GLORIA**

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Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.*

## THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

**I**N 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 the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

- 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 wilderness 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 above 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.

**THE SECOND READING**

**Acts 19:1-7**

**W**HILE APOLLOS was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**OHAN 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

**Mother Barnes**

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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*Celebrant* Dear People of God, through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been reborn into new life in him. I call upon you, therefore, as we celebrate his Baptism, to renew the solemn promises and vows by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People** **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus the Beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized, saying: *By your holy baptism, Hear us, we pray.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that our lives may be empowered by the Spirit to follow where God leads us. By your holy baptism, ***hear us, we pray.***

For this Parish Family, that we who are baptized may open our hearts to God's presence in surprising places. By your holy baptism, ***hear us, we pray.***

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation in places of conflict, that the Prince of Peace will fill the hearts of decision-makers with wisdom and self-control, and banish the shadow of enmity. By your holy baptism, ***hear us, we pray.***

For an end to the worldwide pandemic, that God will free us from this dangerous virus, strengthen those who labor for our health, and give us grace to strive for the common good. By your holy baptism, ***hear us we pray.***

For those who have died, remembering especially John, and Janet, Helen, Mary, Donovan, and Roger that they may receive the fulfillment of that blessed hope bestowed in baptism. By your holy baptism, ***hear us we pray.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God, through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

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*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

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*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori*

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*People and Celebrant*

**In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.**

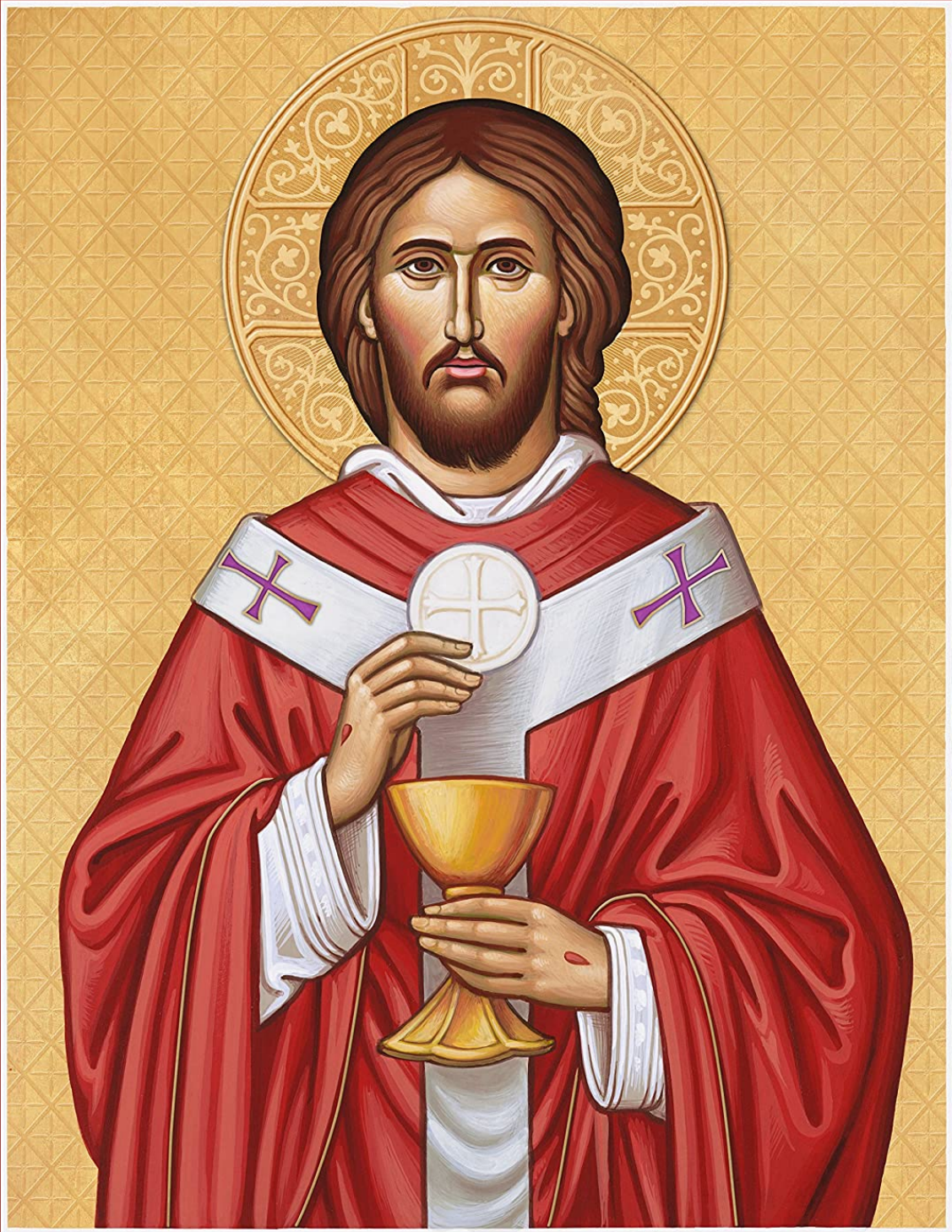
**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.***

*A moment of silence is observed*

*Celebrant* Come Lord Jesus,

**All and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.***





## A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*People and Celebrant*

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 a 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.*

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### DISMISSAL

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*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Christus der ist meins lieben, BWV 1112 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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## A Statement from Bishop Kevin

January 7, 2021

Dear beloved of the Diocese of Bethlehem,

*Even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast.*

*If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,  
and the light around me turn to night,"*

*Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike.*

Psalm 139:9-11

We awakened this morning attempting to make sense of the events that transpired yesterday at the U.S Capitol. This moment exemplifies the moral crisis that is before us and our nation like no other.

Witnessing what is being characterized as an insurrection or failed coup attempt enflamed by the words and actions of our President is incomprehensible to me.

I am heartbroken by the bloodshed and destruction. From the Prophet Jeremiah we hear: "*Let my eyes stream with tears day and night, without rest, over the great destruction*" (Jeremiah 14:17). One image remains most disturbing for me: the Confederate flag paraded through the halls of Congress. Our legacy of White Supremacy was on display for the world to see, highlighting once again the racial injustice that exists in our nation.

As day turned into night, and some semblance of order was restored, once again I was dismayed. How is it possible that some members of Congress, even after the Capitol was breached, would continue to support the lies and conspiracies that fueled the day's events? A 2:00 a.m. rehashing of our Pennsylvania Election laws was beyond unconscionable.

Friends, as I stated in my Christmas message, we must aid in God's Way by finding bridges where we can bring light! We are called to be consolers, justice seekers and prophets of a new moment. We walk with a God that makes a way always out of no way!

Let us continue to pray for our Nation, Diocese and local communities. May we work tirelessly towards becoming more of the Beloved Community.

*Father of light, unchanging God,  
Today you revealed to people of faith  
the resplendent fact of the Word made flesh.  
Your light is strong,  
your love is near;  
draw us beyond the limits which this world imposes,  
to the life where your Spirit makes all life complete.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

Know of my love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol followed by the name "Kevin".

Bishop Kevin



## **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**

### **Live streaming and zoom gatherings from St. Luke's.**

Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) for the streaming of the services.

\*\*(Note: if you are NOT a Facebook member, when you click on the link it will ask you to sign in or create an account, which you can ignore and just scroll down the page a bit till you see the service.)

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Book of Common Prayer!

Click [here](#) for a copy of Enriching Our Worship 1. This contains supplemental liturgical materials (i.e. Canticles) we occasionally use for Morning and Evening Prayer.

**Daily Office: Morning and Evening Prayer** – Morning Prayer at 9 AM; Evening Prayer at 5PM are live-streamed on Sunday; Tuesday through Saturday.

♦ **SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 - Evening Prayer livestreamed from St. Luke's at 5PM.** A full service leaflet for the Saturday Evening Prayer service may be found by clicking below:

[Click here for Saturday Evening Prayer Service Leaflet](#)

♦ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord**

[The First Sunday after the Epiphany](#) (Lectionary Readings)

- **Morning Prayer, Rite I at 9AM live streamed from the Memorial Garden.**
- **Sunday Liturgy, 10AM** –Sunday Liturgy is a service of Ante-Communion with spiritual communion. A full service leaflet for the Sunday service may be found by clicking below:

[Click here for the 10 AM service leaflet.](#)

- **Virtual Coffee Hour, Sundays, 11:15AM** (following 10AM Sunday Liturgy). Please note the new time! Click [here](#) to join coffee hour.

### **Children's' Christian Education and Formation**

**Sunday School, 9:30 AM** – We use Godly Play a Montessori –based curriculum. Please email Mother Barnes at [mthrbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com) to register and receive Zoom log-on information.

### **Children's Christian Education Materials**

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids.

- For **Sunday, January 10, 2021.** Materials include: Lectionary based [Sunday Paper Junior](#)
- And here's an [Epiphany Star Coloring sheet](#) from our friends at Illustrated Ministry.

See our [Children and Youth page](#) for more offerings including resources for talking with kids about the challenging issues of our time.

◆ **MONDAY, JANUARY 11 - 7PM**  
**Social Justice Book Club via Zoom**

Join Elizabeth Davis, Scranton Public Library, and Renee Roberts, Abington Community Library in partnership with St. Luke's Episcopal Church, as they explore newsworthy topics via articles and essays.

We will be reading and discussing: *White Privilege and Male*

*Privilege: A Personal Account of Coming To See Correspondences through Work in Women's Studies* by Peggy McIntosh

[Link to download a PDF of this article.](#)

This discussion will be held via online meeting software, Zoom. RSVP via to receive the Zoom connection information or you can call 570-795-4332.

◆ **TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 - 6PM Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom**

◆ **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 - 6PM Vestry Meeting via Zoom**

◆ **THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**

- **Centering Prayer – Thursdays at 5:30 PM.** Join in the virtual chapel by clicking [here](#). Click [here](#) for a brochure on The Method of Centering Prayer.



## OTHER EVENTS AND SERVICES



### The Gospel Of Mark | Epiphany 2021

Begin 2021 with the Gospel of Mark! The Good Book Club returns to read the earliest and shortest of the four gospels, starting

Friday, January 1, 2021, through Shrove Tuesday, February 16.

Mark opens with words from the prophet Isaiah: "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you," and indeed the gospel itself serves as a messenger for the life and ministry of Jesus. Written around 65-75 CE, Mark proclaims the good news that Jesus is the messiah and Son of God.

We're excited for this journey through Mark. Make plans now to join Forward Movement and partner organizations from across the Episcopal Church to encounter the risen Lord through the Gospel of Mark.

[Sign up to receive updates](#) on the Gospel of Mark. View and download [the readings](#).

Follow the Gospel of Mark with reflections from noted leaders from around the world. If you'd like to enrich your Good Book Club experience by reading [A Journey with Mark](#), we encourage you to order now.

### *Live Course: Introducing Mark with Vicki Garvey*

By Vicki Garvey

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Join students from around the world and learn about Mark's Gospel with author and teacher Vicki Garvey.



#### *COURSE DESCRIPTION*

For six weeks this Epiphany, meet with other students from around the world for a live, online class on the Gospel of Mark with Vicki Garvey, a respected teacher and author and former Canon for Lifelong Education at the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

In this class, Vicki will teach us about the author, origin, setting, and message of the Gospel of Mark. Classes will meet live on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. from Jan. 7-Feb. 11.

This class is ideal for people participating in the Good Book Club 2021, and for anyone interested in learning more about the Gospel of Mark.

**New St. Luke's Newsletter:** Our latest edition of the St. Luke's Newsletter is hot off the press. Click here to see the [January 2021 edition](#).



**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
"In the heart of things"

**The Rev'd Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge**

**Ms. Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster**

**The Vestry**

Deirdre Frazier (2021—Clerk), Mickey Baccoli, (2022—Senior Warden),  
Francis McMullen (2021), Jane Merolla (2023—Treasurer),  
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