

5 Marks of Love

**A Lenten Program from The Society of St. John the Evangelist,
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If we are “marked as Christ’s own,” what are the “marks of love” that characterize the Divine Life abiding and at work within us?

This six-week series provides the opportunity to observe and to reflect on the ways in which the Divine Life expresses itself in and through us; individually and in our faith communities, as well as in the world around us. Each week will explore the Anglican Marks of Mission (Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure) through videos, questions and exercises so we can speak more clearly and act truthfully, motivated always by hearts marked by God’s love.

The Marks of Love are not simply a list of tasks to be checked off one after the other; they are signs that our life is rooted and grounded in the Being of God. The Brothers of SSJE will draw on their own monastic spirituality to help us balance action with contemplation, so that our words and deeds proceed from the deepest places of our hearts, where God dwells. The resource encourages us to reflect on how we should live, not what we should do.

Ultimately participants will learn to offer themselves, body and soul, to God’s Mission, and to live for God’s glory.

Note: Printed materials are available on the table at the back of the nave for those who wish to participate. Please take and keep a copy and prepare for each session in advance. The introduction is preparatory homework as we will have five sessions instead of all six. [Programs at 11:30AM on Sundays at 11:30AM on March 5, 19, 26, April 2, 9. The End of Life Forum is rescheduled for March 12 at 11:30AM so there will be no SSJE program on that date.]