



ST.MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: August 15th, 2021
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. Mark's!

WORSHIP

Welcome to St. Mark's! We're so glad you're here. Our worship follows a similar pattern each week—it always includes readings from Scripture, lots of prayer, songs of praise, and most centrally, a meal we eat together called Eucharist. We invite you to participate to the extent you feel comfortable. If you're new to this kind of worship and flipping through the bulletin feels overwhelming, feel free to just set it down, relax, and join in worship by letting us say the words on your behalf.

SPECIAL COVID INSTRUCTIONS

By attending this service, you agree to the following:

I understand to the best of my knowledge, I/we have not tested positive for or experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days. If I/we subsequently learn that I/we have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the service or should I/we test positive for COVID-19 in the week following I agree I will contact a member of church staff immediately.

On masks - we ask that everyone ages two and older wear a mask over their nose and mouth while indoors regardless of vaccination status. This accords with current CDC guidance for "congregant settings" and is a way we can protect those vulnerable in our community. All church staff, readers, childcare workers, and choir members are fully vaccinated.

Childcare at the 10:30 service will now be for nursery age children only (crawling babies through 3-year olds). The nursery will be in Ms. Mayra's classroom (as it was pre-Covid) and those ages 2 and up will be required to wear masks in accordance with CDC recommendations. There will be no playground supervision or children's church for older kids at this service.

New to St. Mark's? Use this QR code for a direct link to our Newcomer's page. Just open the photo app on your phone and hover over the image, which will take you to a link to complete an online visitor card!



Sunday Service Schedule: no RSVP needed

8:00am - Rite I, in the Sanctuary

9:00am - Rite II, Family Picnic Service on the lawn every Sunday

10:30am - Rite II, in the Sanctuary + livestream via our homepage.

St. Mark's Staff

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, *Theologian in Residence*

Casey Bushman, *Director of Christian Formation*

Mark Reed, *Organist/Director of Music & Bookkeeper*

Joanne Foote, *Parish Administrator*

Brandon Haynes, *Seminarian*

Karon Hammond, *Head of St. Mark's Day School*

Irma Glover, *Sexton*

GATHERING

Prelude: *The Celestial Banquet*

Olivier Messiaen

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. *John 6:56*

Messiaen (1908-1992) wrote Le banquet céleste in 1928, during his student days at the Paris Conservatory. It is the earliest of his published compositions. From the very beginning of the piece, it must have been clear to listeners that here was a composer with a voice new to music. It begins with a single chord that lasts seven seconds. The entire piece is only twenty-five measures long, yet at Messiaen's extreme and deliberate tempo it takes six minutes to play. Music that moves that slowly denies us the familiar sensation of a pulse; one perceives individual sounds, but not a sense of forward movement from one to another. Messiaen calls Le banquet céleste a meditation on John 6:56; it allows not only contemplation and reflection, but that distinct, almost otherworldly sensation of time standing still.

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Processional Hymn: *O Worship the King*

Hymn 388

(verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

Opening Acclamations

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

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant. The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Psalm 34:9-14

- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
 I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves life *
 and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel

John 6:51-58

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

Music for Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Nicene Creed (*leader and people*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was

crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Kai, Jeff and Hector, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; ***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; ***Who put their trust in you.***

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

EATING TOGETHER

The Offertory Solo: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Joseph Martin

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling. All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion. Pure, unbounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation. Enter every trembling heart, every heart. Finish, Lord, thy new creation. Pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, will in heaven we take our place. Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise; lost in love and praise, love divine.

Garrett Gerard, soloist

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Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant proceeds

... and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

People stand or kneel, Celebrant continues

... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

... By him, and with him, and in him, the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread (silence is kept)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion Hymns

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Hymn 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nail - ing; by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain
of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Verses



1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; Let us break
2. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees; Let us drink
3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees; Let us praise

Refrain



1. bread to-gether on our knees; When I fall on my knees,
2. wine to-gether on our knees;
3. God to-gether on our knees;



With my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: 10 10 with refrain; Spiritual. Music: LET US BREAK BREAD.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEING SENT

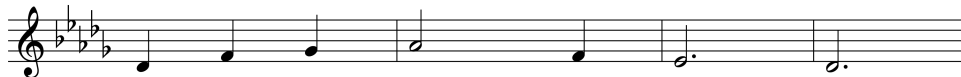
The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Hymn 490



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path, And
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *O Worship the King*

Paul Laubengayer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Directory Updates! It's time to update the church directory. Choose ONE of the options below to update/verify your information. **All updates are due by August 22nd.**

- ♦ Stop by the usher table on Sunday mornings & verify/update the printed copy of the directory - put a check next to your name if everything is correct or write in your changes **OR**
- ♦ Complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/cjUKCt5mJqcc98fB8> (**ONLY necessary if you have changes since June 2019**).

Tuesday Bible Study is resuming September 14 with a study of Acts. We will meet at the church at Noon with snacks - but feel free to bring your lunch.

Save the date!

- **Blessing of Backpacks, August 29th, 9am** at the outdoor family picnic service.
 - **Rally Day events have been postponed until COVID cases diminish in our area.** Please stay tuned for a new date.
 - **St. Mark's Memorial Golf Tournament, September 11, 2021**, Lions Municipal Golf Course, 8:00 am. For all details and payment information, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2bwwzr8y>
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Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Andrea Michael, Mehron Azarmehr

Ushers: Reed Shaw, Tom Delamater

Altar Guild: Judy Elkins, Laurel Kelly, Brenda White, Amelia Sondgeroth

Parish Intercession List

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For those celebrating birthdays: Nicole Flores, Cole Francis, Bodhi Pitt, Cathy Chadwick, David Martinez, Max Azarmehr, Claire Dempsey, Ryan Dempsey, Liam Schmid, Sarah Bushman, Lucy Joyce, Lee Siegismund.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Lisa Leach & Jeff Doidge, Barbara & Glenn Dody, Carol & Gary Todd.

Those for whom the Daughters of the King pray.