



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

15th Sunday after Pentecost: September 5th, 2021
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. Mark's!

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.

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SPECIAL COVID INSTRUCTIONS

By attending this service, you agree to the following:

By attending this service, I/we agree to the following: I have not tested positive or experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days. I/we also agree to inform the church office if I test positive for COVID-19 in the week that follows my attendance at this service. We ask that everyone ages two and older wear a mask over their nose and mouth while indoors regardless of vaccination status.

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.

Parish Intercession List: You are invited to use this list to pray for those below.

For those celebrating birthdays: Max Reshetnikov, Emily Lehrach, Jacob Sondgeroth, Anna Mazac, Harper Sanders, Fernanda Lavallo, Dayna Blazey, Anna Bryan-Borja, Jennifer Payne.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Diana & Gregg Stangl, Caitlin & Joshua Van Cott, Kendra & Walter Roloson, Liz Badger & Lansing Pugh, Irma & Tim Glover.

Those for whom the Daughters of the King pray.

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*

GATHERING

Prelude: *Two Hymn Reflections*

John Erickson

John Erickson (1938-2020) received his musical education at Chicago's American Conservatory of Music, and at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He spent many years as Associate Director of Music and Organist at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. After spending some time studying in England, he served from 1982 to 2003 as Organist & Director of Worship Life at Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. I succeeded him in this position and served there from 2003 to 2010. In retirement, John was a great supporter of mine, and offered words of wisdom, encouragement, and humor over the years. These two preludes reflect his interest in jazz. He smoothly blends jazz progressions and dissonances into the classical framework of these gentle pieces. John passed away on August 14, 2020 in McKinney, Texas.

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Processional Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

Hymn 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ 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 *(the people sit)*

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalm 146

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Gospel *(the people stand)*

Mark 7:24-37

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

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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 *(the people kneel as they are able)*

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 (pronounced Kay), 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. 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 *(the people kneel as they are able)*

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

Offertory Solo: Balm in Gilead

Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Refrain: There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole. There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain.* If you can preach like Peter, if you can pray like Paul, go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all." *Refrain.*

Harry Thacker Burleigh (1866-1949) played a significant role in the development of American art song, having composed over two hundred works in the genre. He was the first African-American composer acclaimed for his concert songs as well as for his adaptations of African-American spirituals. In addition, Burleigh was an accomplished baritone, a meticulous editor, and a charter member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).

Samuel Shipps, 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 these words 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.

The people kneel as they are able

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 *(the people kneel as they are able)*

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)*

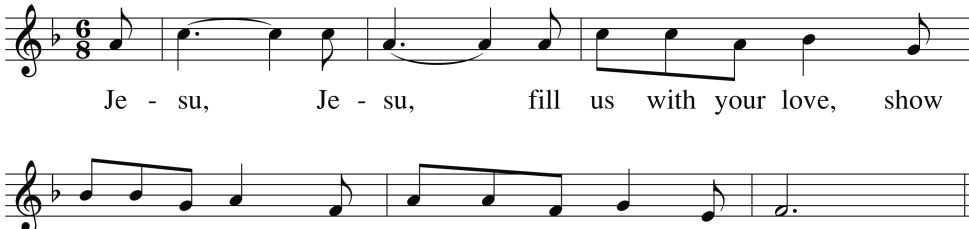
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Communion Hymns

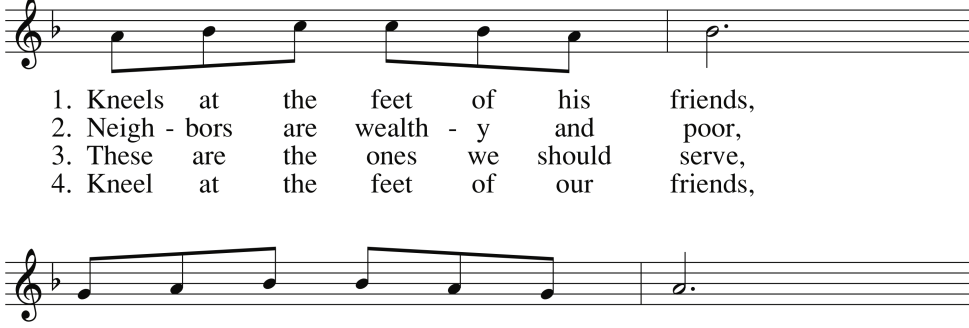
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Refrain




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

Verses



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
2. Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor,
3. These are the ones we should serve,
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
Var - ied in col - or and race,
These are the ones we should love:
Si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



D.C.
Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
Neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
All these are neigh - bors to us and you.
This is the way we should live with you.

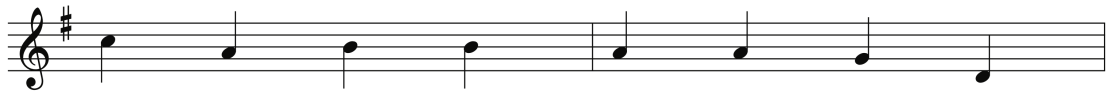
O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



1. O Christ, the Healer, we have come To
2. From every ailment flesh endures Our
3. How strong, O Lord, are our desires, How
4. In conflicts that destroy our health We
5. Grant that we all, made one in faith, In



pray for health, to plead for friends. How
bod - ies clam - or to be freed; Yet
weak our knowl - edge of our - selves! Re -
di - ag - nose the world's dis - ease; Our
your com - mu - ni - ty may find The



can we fail to be re - stored, When
in our hearts we would con - fess That
lease in us those heal - ing truths Un -
com - mon life de - clares our ills: Is
whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, Shall



reached by love that nev - er ends?
whole - ness is our deep - est need.
con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.
there no cure, O Christ, for these?
reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

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Tune: TALLIS' CANON, LM; Thomas Tallis, c.1505–1585

Post Communion Prayer *(the people kneel as they are able)*

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: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Hymn 556
(verses 1 - 4)

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
re - joice, re - joice,

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in D Major*

David N. Johnson

Johnson was born in San Antonio in 1922. After studies at Trinity University, he went north to pursue degrees at the Curtis Institute and Syracuse University. Much of his career was spent as a professor at Arizona State University in Tempe, where he died in 1987. Johnson wrote many "Trumpet Tunes" as birthday gifts for his wife Margaret.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day & New Sunday Schedule: September 12th!

Did you know Sunday services and programs require dozens of volunteers to run smoothly? Rally Day is an opportunity to reset and sign up for Sunday ministries - please take some time to pray about how you can serve at St. Mark's! Then, sign up for one of the following Sunday ministries: Altar Guild, Acolytes, Ushers/Greeters, Depositors, Children's Ministries, etc.

Two ways to sign up:

- ♦ Sept. 12: Review the signup sheets on the Parish Hall wall, and see where you can serve once per month. Use this as a reset button - if you have been serving in one ministry and want to try something new, it's okay to switch!
- ♦ Complete the Rally Day card in your service bulletin and drop in the offering plate.

Worship Schedule:

- ♦ 7:45am - Rite I (indoors); 9am - Picnic Eucharist (lawn); 11:15am: Rite II (indoors)

At the 10am hour:

- ♦ St. Mark's 101 Sept 19 & 26th: Class for newcomers
- ♦ Formation class for Adults lead by The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings
- ♦ Bake with the Bible: 2nd - 5th grade; pre-register here: stmarksaustin.org/kids
- ♦ Godly play: Common Room: PreK - 1st grade; pre-register here: stmarksaustin.org/kids

The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of Diana & Greg Stangl's anniversary, by Diana Stangl.

Tuesday Bible Study resumes September 14, noon, via zoom, with a study of Acts.

Being With Course: the Heart of the Faith From a Fresh Perspective: join Fr. Zac, on Wednesdays, beginning September 22, 7pm. The *Being With* 10-week course is designed to be an introduction (or reintroduction!) to Christianity for those looking to reconnect with God, Church, and one another. All are welcome. The course will begin on zoom and move to in-person as we can. Please register in advance with Fr. Zac: zac@stmarksaustin.org.

Youth Movie Night! Friday, September 17th, at Community First Village: Join us at the outdoor cinema for a showing of *E.T.* Coordinate tickets through Casey: casey@stmarksaustin.org. Grades 6 - 12 welcome!

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Ginny Acker, Barbara Dody

Ushers: Andy Sieverman, Gail Weatherby, Stephanie Young

Altar Guild: Judy Elkins, Darlene Goodnight, Debbie Thornal

Livestream Operator: TBD

Vestry in Charge: Christie Stockstill

Depositor: Jim Nolan