



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

19th Sunday after Pentecost: October 3rd, 2021
11:15a.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.

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!



Covid Protocols:

We ask that everyone ages two and older wear a mask over their nose and mouth while indoors regardless of vaccination status. All St. Mark's staff and lay volunteers, including all members of the choir, all children's ministry volunteers, and all adult leaders in the liturgy, have all been fully vaccinated. By attending this service, you agree to the following: I have not tested positive or experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days. I also agree to inform the church office if I test positive for COVID-19 in the week that follows my attendance.

Children in Worship

We happily welcome your children to join us in worship today. We offer nursery care for crawling infants through age 3. Older children are invited to stay and participate in the service with a children's bulletin or head to the Kids' Corner in the narthex for reading and quiet play (parent supervision required).

GATHERING

Prelude: *Selections from A Wesley Organbook*

Alfred Fedak

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953) served for over 30 years as Minister of Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York. In "retirement," he is the organist for a Reformed church near Schenectady. He holds degrees in Organ and Music History from Hope College and Montclair State University, and has done additional study at Westminster Choir College and in Austria and England. This collection based on melodies associated with texts of Charles Wesley was commissioned in 2006 for the 175th anniversary of a Methodist church in New York state.

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Processional Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn 657

This text and tune appear in almost all English-language hymnals. Charles Wesley (1707–1788) wrote these words for a collection of hymns he published in 1747. Wesley's words are paired with the famous Welsh tune Hyfrydol. The tune was composed by Rowland Hugh Prichard around the year 1830 when he was only 20 years old. The name of the tune can mean "delightful, beautiful, sweet, and melodious" in Welsh.

Opening Acclamations

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

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

Collect for Purity

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

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson *(the people sit)*

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from

the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might

taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Gospel *(the people stand)*

Mark 10:2-16

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Brandon Haynes, Seminarian

Music for Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Nicene Creed *(leader and people, all standing)*

**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 III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

The celebrant add a concluding Collect.

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 Anthem: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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Doxology (sung) *(all standing)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *(Celebrant and People)*

Hymnals-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant continues

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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:

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Hymn 593

This hymn is based on the familiar "Prayer of St. Francis." Scottish Jesuit priest and theologian James Quinn (1919–2010) paraphrased Francis's words, and American organist Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923–1979) supplied the tune.

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Hymn 679

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BEING SENT

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Hymn 400

(verses 1, 4, 5 & 7)

Tomorrow is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181–1226). Francis is known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. This hymn is an English paraphrase of his “Canticle of the Sun,” in which St. Francis used imagery from nature to create an enduring hymn of praise.



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Litany on “Let Us Plead for Faith Alone”*

Alfred Fedak

from *A Wesley Organbook*

Charles Wesley wrote the words to this hymn in 1740. They were based upon a sermon given by his brother John emphasizing the Wesleyan doctrine of justification by faith. The tune comes from The Foundry Collection of 1742, the first Methodist book of tunes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given for the following: in celebration of Damon Stewart's birthday, given by his partner, Rick; in celebration for the shared birthdays of their son Ariston IV, and his grandfather Don Foote, by Joanne Foote & Ariston Awitan III; and in memory of Jim Sherrard on the 100th anniversary of his birthday, by Beth & Mike Brode.

At the 10am hour:

- ◆ Formation class: *Return to Discipline*, led by The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings: Grace Chapel
- ◆ Bake with the Bible, Kitchen & Back deck: 2nd - 5th grade
- ◆ Godly play: Common Room: PreK - 1st grade

Ministry Training (both current & those new to each ministry are encouraged to attend):

- **Acolytes - Today, October 3rd or October 10th**, meet in the Sanctuary after the 11:15am service.
- **Lectors/LEMs - Sunday, October 17th**, after the 11:15am service (*note date change*).

The St. Mark's Block Party is baaaack, Saturday, November 6, 11am - 2pm. There will be delicious BBQ, music, face painting, games and more. We can't pull this off without your help (and we'll need a lot of it). Please keep an eye out for sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall. Questions? Contact Jennifer Gallardo-Payne: jgallardopayne@me.com.

Registration is open for the Farewell EDOT ECW Retreat for Women October 15-17, 2021 at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas. Please register by using this link: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=d4ovk7rab&oeidk=a07eiixjvpddfbeaa4c>

St. Mark's Annual Choir Poinsettia & Wreath Sale returns in mid-October! Proceeds support our music ministry. Stay tuned for details about how/when in-person poinsettia & wreath orders will begin. To order now, use this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YGVW/campaign/C-YHRF>.

Save the date - Youth Group to Trinity Center, October 17th! Stay tuned for details.

MISSION OPPORTUNITES

Interested in ministry to new immigrants and asylum seekers? The Austin area is creating new opportunities to help and we need YOU! Contact Mother Mary for more information: mary@stmarksaustin.org

Trinity Center volunteer opportunities:

- Women's clothing closet Monday mornings
- Front desk T, W, F mornings
- Donations of travel size hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste; men's underwear, socks, pants, shirts, belts, and shoes
- Contact Eunice at eunice.g@trinitycenteraustin.org and bring donations to the bin at church

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Daniel Murrieta, Mehron Azarmehr

Ushers: Daniel Murrieta, Thomas Delamater

Altar Guild: Judy Elkins, Debbie Thornal, Darlene Goodnight, Gail Weatherby

Livestream Operator: Rebecca Yu

Vestry in Charge: Amber Featherstone Uwague

Depositor: Clarence Bonnen

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

For those celebrating birthdays: Ariston Awitan IV, Mandalyn Castleberry, James Hartline, Sonia Rudy, Nora Kelly, Piper Wilson, Clara Baumgart, Jennifer Gallardo-Payne, Rachel Lee, Amelia Sondgeroth, Damon Stewart, Carol Todd, Barb Steinberg, John Stephenson, Joseph Sondgeroth, Kathryn Pollard.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Eva & Nolan Duffin, Sallie & Bill Yeager.

For those who have died: Teresa Montgomery, mother of Chris Blanding, and grandmother to Ella, Caroline, and Abigail.

Those for whom the Daughters of the King pray.

St. Mark's Staff

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

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