



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

16th Sunday after Pentecost: September 12th, 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.

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SPECIAL COVID INSTRUCTIONS

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.

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).

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

For those celebrating birthdays: Barbara Dody, Al McKinney, Betty Lee, Zephyr Gates, Dan Bogard, Sonnie Barham, Kim Buckner, Oliva Rush, Annabel Brum, Clay Buckner, Ann Coley, Carolyn Wier.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Jana Kay & Tim Green, Penny & Christopher Considine.

Those for whom the Daughters of the King pray.

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Daniel Murrieta, Cathy Chadwick

Ushers: Jodie & Jay Doran, Reed Shaw

Altar Guild: Diana Stangl, Brenda White, Dodie Wells

Livestream Operator: TBD

Vestry in Charge: Cathy Chadwick

Depositor: Diana Stangl

GATHERING

Prelude: *Aria: God moves in a mysterious way...*

Dan Locklair

This prelude comes from a set of pieces entitled In Mystery and Wonder. The work was commissioned in 2004 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Canadian organ builder Casavant Frères. The title of this movement comes from Hymn 677, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." Composer Dan Locklair (b. 1949) is Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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Processional Hymn: *When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

Hymn 420



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____



1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 116:1-8

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.

The Epistle

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Gospel *(the people stand)*

Mark 8:27-38

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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, 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 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 Anthem: *With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

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Doxology *(all standing)*

Musical notation for the Doxology, featuring a treble and bass staff with lyrics: 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*Sung*)

Hymnal S-125

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 or stand.

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.

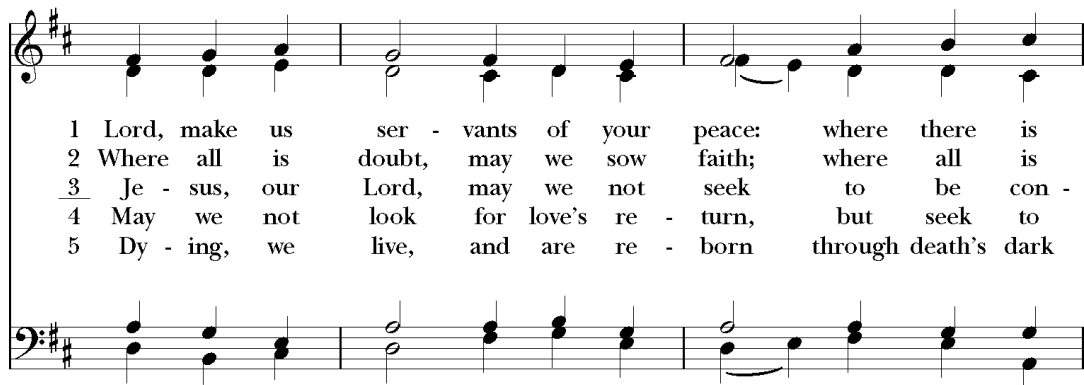
Communion Hymns

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Hymn 601

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace; where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

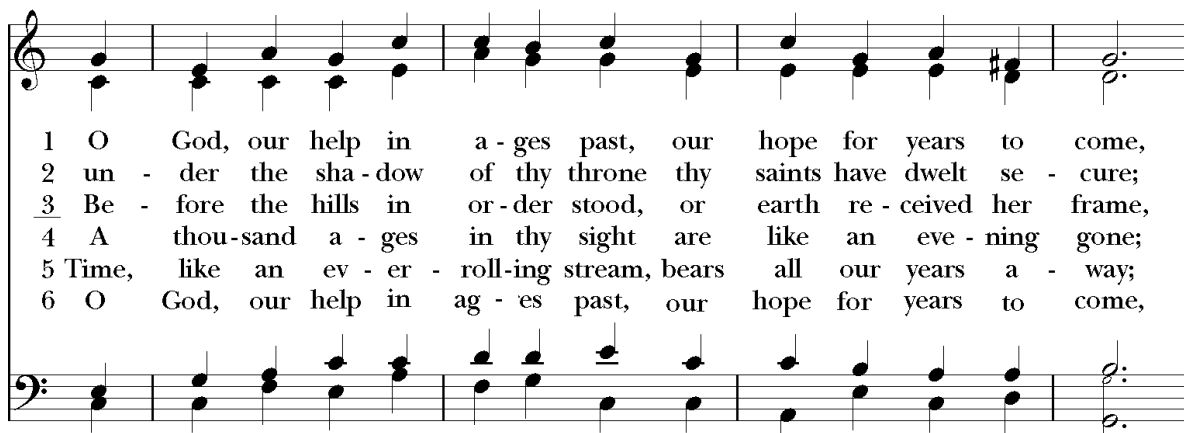
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

BEING SENT

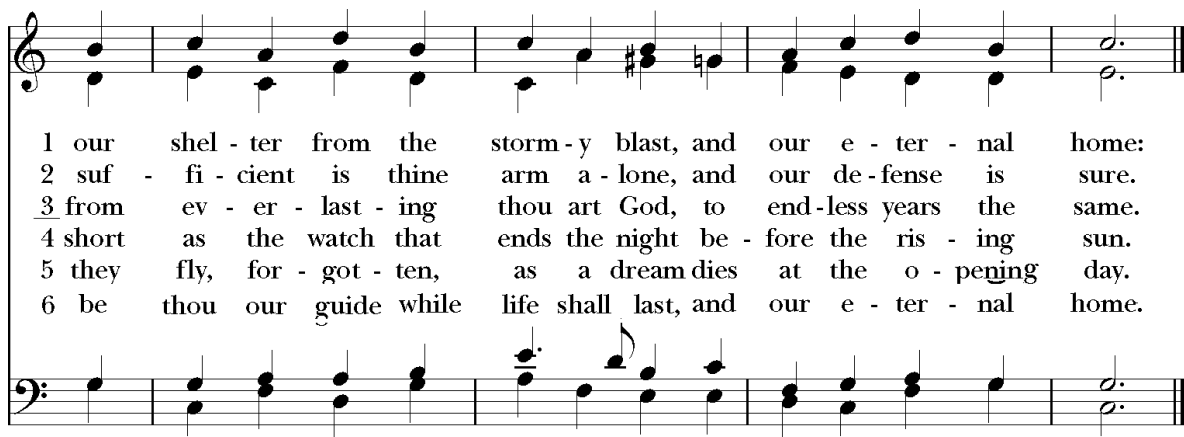
The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymn 680



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;
6 O God, our help in ag - es past, our hope for years to come,



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.
6 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Fugue in E-flat Major ("St. Anne")*

J. S. Bach

Bach's (1685-1750) monumental Fugue in E-flat comes from the *Clavier-Übung III* (1739), a set of organ pieces arranged in the form of a Mass. It is considered Bach's most significant and extensive work for organ. This triple fugue has become known as "St. Anne," because of the subject's similarity to the first phrase of the tune for the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." It is likely that Bach intended this fugue to be a representation of the Trinity. The same theme recurs in three connected fugues, each time transformed to take on a new character. There are three flats in the key signature, three sections, and the number of bars in each section is a multiple of three. The three fugue subjects are combined at the end, resulting in what one Bach scholar has called "a degree of rhythmic complexity probably unparalleled in a fugue of any period."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day today! Come to the Parish Hall to sign up or complete the card in your bulletin. Rally Day is an opportunity to reset and sign up for Sunday ministries.

Two ways to sign up:

- ◆ Review the signup sheets on the Parish Hall wall, and sign up. 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

Men's Group, Monday, September 13, 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome!

Tuesday Bible Study resumes this Tuesday, 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!

Fr. Zac's Group Ride - Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. 15 mile ride, social pace, road bikes strongly encouraged. Meet in the church parking lot. Email Zac for details: zac@stmarksaustin.org.

Altar Flower dedications: Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Make your dedication using the signup sheet on the Parish Hall wall.

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