



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

17th Sunday after Pentecost: September 19th, 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!



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).

GATHERING

Prelude: *Three Folk Tune Sketches*

Dale Wood

Dale Wood was born in Glendale, California in 1934. After serving in the military, he eventually settled on the rugged northern California coast. There, he wrote numerous sacred compositions, art music for orchestras and chamber ensembles, and music for radio and television. He drove fast cars, explored the wilderness of Death Valley and the high Sierra, served as a volunteer firefighter, performed in bars and on cruise ships, cared for rescue German shepherds, and was a beloved friend to numerous musicians. He died in 2003 at his Sea Ranch, California home.

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Processional Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymn 390

This 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its strong tune.

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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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)*

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Epistle

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Gospel *(the people stand)*

Mark 9:30-37

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Keenan

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: *Oh, Love, How Deep*

Thomas Keesecker

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake! God sent no angel to our race, not of a low or higher place, but wore the robe of human frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came. For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew. For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought, by words and signs and actions thus still seeking not himself but us. For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath. For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer. All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore. Amen.

Doxology *(all standing)*

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.

United Methodist Hymnal 95
WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC (OLD 100th, LM): Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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:

Celebrant and People

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

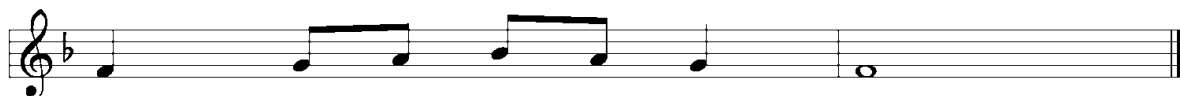
One Small Child Jesus Called



1 One small child Je - sus called, set in the mid - dle of the
2 Up - side down, down - side up, go our per - cep - tions of
3 "Take my hand, un - der - stand - this is the mod - el for the



grown - ups' cir - cle: "Wel - come him, Wel - come her, and
who's the great - est: "Take my word, trust my word as
king - dom peo - ple. Blessed are you, all of you who



then you are wel - com - ing me."
read - i - ly as this small child."
come to me like this small child."

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These Three Are the Treasures



1. These three are the treas - ures to strive for and prize: be
2. If mer - cy's a - ban - doned by those who'd be brave, e -
3. Be gen - tle and you can af - ford to be bold, be
4. Through gen - tle - ness those who at - tack win the fight, and



gen - tle, live sim - ply and have the hum - il - it - y to shy from the
con - o - my squan - dered by those who'd be gen - er - ous, hu - mil - i - ty
fru - gal and so have e - nough to be lib - er - al, be hum - ble and
those who de - fend have their safe - ty in gen - tle - ness; this gen - tle - ness

strugg - le to put one - self first, these are the pearls.
 slight - ed by those who would lead, this is sure death.
 thus be a lead - er of all, this is the way.
 rests in the chil - dren of God, this is their sign.

Words: Colin Hodgetts

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Music: *Song of Lau Tsu*, Colin Hodgetts

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: *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

Hymn 379

The author of this hymn, Timothy Rees (1874-1939), was a Welsh bishop in the Anglican Church. His ministry was shaped in large part by his service as a chaplain in World War I. This experience is important because it may account for the extensive use of vivid images that both reflect the suffering of Christ and the continual suffering of humanity through self-inflicted atrocities and agony in his hymns. Rees found hope in the belief that if the universe is indeed grounded in eternal Love, then to Love belongs ultimate victory.

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Processional on "Praise to the Lord"*

Craig Phillips

Craig Phillips (b.1961) is a distinguished composer and organist. He holds three degrees from the Eastman School of Music, and currently serves as Associate Director of Music and Composer-in-Residence at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: back deck off the Bennett Classroom
- ◆ Formation class for Adults: *Return to Discipline*, led by The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings: Grace Chapel
- ◆ 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 Carol Oppel's 80th birthday, from her husband Rich, and her children, Rich Jr. and Shelby. May God bless Carol with a long, healthy and happy life.

Rally Day Signups: Sign up to volunteer for Sunday ministries - pick up a card in the narthex or sign up in the Parish Hall. Cards can be given to an usher or clergy.

Save the date - upcoming training for Ushers & Lectors (both current and those new to each ministry are encouraged to attend):

- **Ushers - September 26th**, please meet in the Sanctuary following the 11:15 service.
- **Lectors - October 3rd**, please meet in the Sanctuary following the 11:15am service.

Tuesday Bible Study, noon, via zoom, with a study of Acts. Link is posted on the website.

Being With Course: the Heart of the Faith From a Fresh Perspective: join Fr. Zac, on Wednesdays, beginning September 22. The class has been split into two time slots with space still available at the 5pm time (7pm is full). 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.

The Adult Choir has returned to in-person choir rehearsals and performances for the 2021-2022 choir season! We are a group of fun and dedicated individuals, with varying levels of choral experience, who share a love for music, and no auditions! Open to anyone high school or older. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. r; and sing during the 11:15 a.m. Sunday service. **Send Mark Reed an email (mark@stmarksaustin.org) for more information!**

Registration is open for the Farewell EDOT ECW Retreat for Women October 15-17, 2021 at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas. St. Mark's member Lisa Bortner, is leading one of the workshops. Please register by using this link - fees include room, meals and access to all workshops: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=d4ovk7rab&oeidk=a07eiixjypddfbeaa4c>

Fr. Zac's Group Ride - Tuesdays at 6:45 a.m. 15 mile ride, social pace, road bikes strongly encouraged. Meet in the church parking lot. Email Zac for details: zac@stmarksaustin.org.

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Amelia Sondgeroth, Cathy Chadwick

Ushers: Daniel Murrieta, Bo Overstreet, Tom Delamater

Altar Guild: Pat Bullock, Laurel Kelly, Evelyn McMillen, Amelia Sondgeroth

Livestream Operator: Matthew Awitan

Vestry in Charge: Amber Featherstone-Uwague

Depositor: Bo Overstreet

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

For those celebrating birthdays: Carol Oppel, Kyle Rush, Ted Uwague, Marsha Topham, Tim Glover, Adam Stockstill, Josephine Baumgart, Bryn Delfausse, Stella Kloninger, Emily Mazac, Claire Cabler, Estella Minne, Lansing Pugh.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Beth & John Chenoweth, Kristen & JD Lewis.

Those for whom the Daughters of the King pray.

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