



ST. MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 a an online visitor card!



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### 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.

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### 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: *Cantabile*

Joseph Clokey

*from the Symphonic Fantasy on the Tune "St. Patrick's Breastplate"*

*Joseph Clokey (1890-1960) was the son of a Presbyterian pastor, which may have influenced him to focus on sacred music. He was an organist, composer, and teacher who lived in Indiana, Ohio, and California. "Cantabile" means "in a singing style." This gentle work highlights a variety of Romantic colors that were in vogue during the era of large orchestral organs.*

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Processional Hymn: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Hymn 410

*This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.*

## 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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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)*

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

### Psalm 19:7-14

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### The Epistle

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

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the

truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**The Gospel** *(the people stand)*

**Mark 9:38-50**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*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 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: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

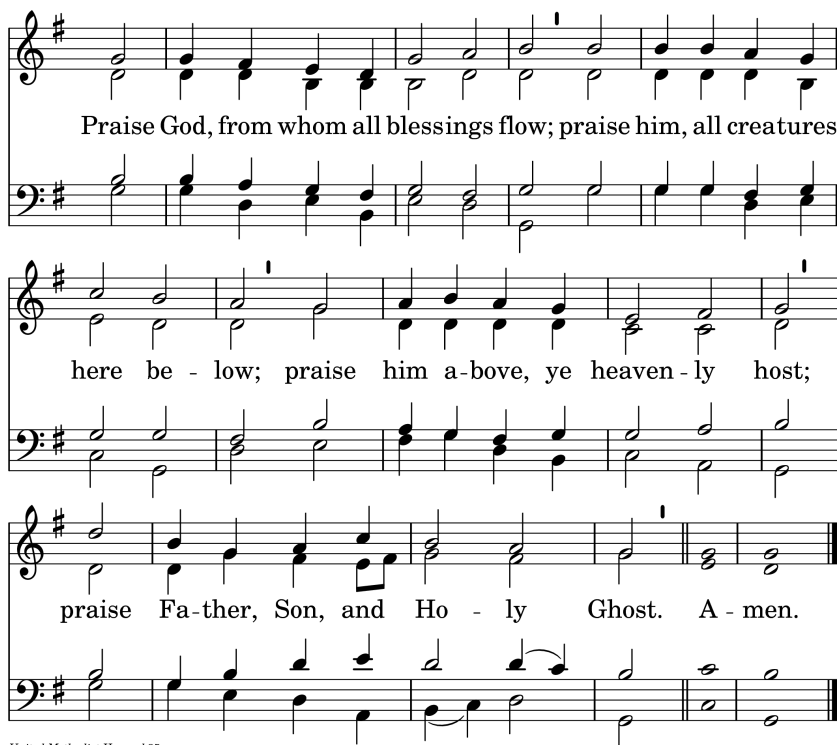
Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

*Harold Friedell (1905-1958) was an American organist, composer, and choral conductor. He was well known as a performer and educator, teaching at Juilliard and Union Seminary, a composer of many choral anthems and solo organ pieces, and as a prominent leader in the American Guild of Organists.*

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## 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:

**Sanctus**

Hymnal S-129

*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 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 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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## 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: *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*

Hymn 495

*The lead author of this hymn, John Bakewell (1721-1819), was active in the British Methodist movement. From about the age of 18 he became an evangelist, preaching across England. He later served with the Wesley brothers in London, where he died at the age of 98. He was a talented musician who produced two collections of hymns.*

### The Dismissal

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Postlude: *Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

*Composer Gordon Young (1919-1998) was born in McPherson, Kansas and educated at Southwestern College (Winfield, Kansas) and the Curtis Institute (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). This is the most frequently performed of his numerous organ and choral works.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *The flowers on the altar*

Upcoming training for Ushers & Lectors (both current and those new to each ministry are encouraged to attend):

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

**Pet Blessing/St. Francis Day, October 3rd, 9 a.m. service!** Bring your pets and invite your neighbors (and their pets) for the outdoor service on the front lawn.

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:** is underway each Wednesday at 5pm & 7pm. 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](mailto:zac@stmarksaustin.org).

**The Adult Choir has returned to in-person choir rehearsals and performances for the 2021-2022 choir season!** Open to anyone high school or older, with rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m; and sing during the 11:15 a.m. Sunday service. **Send Mark Reed an email ([mark@stmarksaustin.org](mailto: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=a07eiixjvpddfbeaa4c>

**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](mailto:zac@stmarksaustin.org).

## **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. 26th: Class for newcomers: back deck off the Bennett Classroom
- ◆ Formation class: *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](http://stmarksaustin.org/kids)
- ◆ Godly play: Common Room: PreK - 1st grade; pre-register here: [stmarksaustin.org/kids](http://stmarksaustin.org/kids)



## Ministers of the Service

**Lectors:** Mehron Azarmehr, Ginny Acker

**Ushers:** Jay Brown, Karen Milton, Michael Meigs

**Altar Guild:** Dee Ann Thomasson, Ann Coley,  
Karen Milton

**Livestream Operator:** Matthew Awitan

**Vestry in Charge:** Jennifer Gallardo Payne

**Depositor:** Joe Moldenhauer

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

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Jim Nolan, Kathy Overstreet, Pam Johns, Anthony Kuninger, Daniel Lawson, Benton Tso, Eric Boudreau, Owen Chandler, Christopher Elliott, Ben Forrest, Sam Forrest, Mehron Azarmehr, Aaron Barker, Laura Merritt, Diana Stangl, Roberta Collier-Wright, Henry Janes, Michelle Lehrach, Paisley Dew, Darlene Sullivan, Jonathan Yu.

**Those for whom the Daughters of the King pray.**

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### *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*

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