November 1, 2020, 9:00 a.m. Virtual Worship

GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to "enter" a different kind of space. We recommend the 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.

Prelude: Prelude on Psalm 34, vs. 6

Herbert Howells

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

British composer Howells (1893-1983) was influenced by plainchant, ancient modes and scales, folk songs, and the English music of the Tudor period. He synthesized these materials into his own distinctive lush neo-Romantic musical language. Each of his six Psalm-Preludes reflects and meditates on a verse from a psalm. This one is like an arc in which the supplicant's prayer becomes more and more intense, building to a majestic climax and then returning to the serenity of the opening.

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Hymn of the Day: For All the Saints

Hymn 287

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. Alleluia, alleluia! Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light. Alleluia, alleluia! O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia! O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia! And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia! The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, alleluia! But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, alleluia! From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia!

Sung by Members of the St. Mark's Choir

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897) Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

Opening Acclamation

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

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Reading

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Rev. Zac Koons

Music for Reflection

[&]quot;Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[&]quot;Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

[&]quot;Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

[&]quot;Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

[&]quot;Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

[&]quot;Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

[&]quot;Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

[&]quot;Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form II, BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially ______. Pray for those who have died. Silence

I ask your prayers for those in our community _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect

We remember those who died since last All Saints' Day:

Lark Anthony	Rev. Tom Gray	Chuck Ragland
Jennifer Baumgart	Mary Ann Innes	Terry Singleton
Dyrl Evers Brownlee	Jim Keahey	Gloria Stockstill
Doris Cartier,	Bernice May	Gail Thomas
John Delamater	Janet West Miller	June Valerie Walker
Charles Doidge	Thornton Milton	Barbara Cater Wilson
Paul Doucet	Robert Allen Pratt	

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

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.

The Offertory Anthem: Servants of Peace

K. Lee Scott

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand. May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly. For in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven. Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day. Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

Sung by Members of the St. Mark's Choir

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950) was born, raised, and lives in Alabama. He earned degrees in Choral Conducting at the University of Alabama and has served on the music faculties at the University of Alabama and Samford University. The words of this anthem are a paraphrase of The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226).

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Announcements

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Postlude: "The people respond—Amen!" from Rubrics Dan Locklair

Dan Locklair (b. 1949) is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. He holds degrees from Union Theological Seminary and the Eastman School of Music. He is Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This is the finale of a suite in which the movements are based on rubrics from The Book of Common Prayer (1979).

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PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

For those celebrating birthdays: Thomas Allen, Wes Johns, Greg Stangl, Glen Baumgart, Peter Lambert, Marlo Walpole, Anne Geraci, Marjie Lawrence, Dylan Lewis, Grace Bushman.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Christine & Carlos Kempff.

For those who have died: June Valerie Walker.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Ingathering Sunday, Tacos & Tithing - For those attending virtual worship, you are invited to drive thru between 12-12:30 p.m. and get your breakfast tacos! Pledge cards can also be returned via postal mail or completed online here: www.stmarksaustin.org/
pledge-now.

New Adult Forum Sunday School series begins November 1, 9:45 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings: *What is the Good News?* We read the Gospel in Church, we talk about Good News, but what do we mean by it? How does it appear in the scriptures? How does Jesus use the term? Where are we in it? The class link will be shared on our home page Sunday mornings.

Sunday Schedule: Outdoor in-person Sunday eucharist services reservations (*required*) open each Monday prior to the Sunday service, and remain open until all spots are reserved. RSVP links: www.stmarksaustin.org.

- 8:00 a.m. Parking lot Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Livestream (links accessible through our website)
- **9:45 a.m.** *Virtual* Adult Forum Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Family Picnic Eucharist on the lawn.
- 11:15 a.m. Parking Lot Eucharist, Rite II
- Friendly reminders: RSVP, mask up, bring a chair, maintain 6-8 feet of physical distance.

Hands for Hope: Each year, St. Mark's partners with El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission for its annual Hands for Hope meal drive, with the goal to provide holiday meal kits to 1,750 families. This year the need is greater than ever - so we need more HANDS to give HOPE.

- So far, St. Mark's has contributed \$2,000 toward this program which will feed about 80 families.
- You can help by making additional gifts through the church or directly to El Buen: <u>elbuen.org/h4h;</u> \$25 feeds one family. When sending checks to St. Mark's, please write El Buen in the memo area.

Rector's Book Club, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m, reading *The Abundant Community*, by John McKnight and Peter Block. Read through chapters 4 & 5 before the next meeting.

ONGOING EVENTS

- Morning Prayer, Mondays Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Access links: www.stmarksaustin.org.
- Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study with Mother Mary.

DEDICATIONS

Even though St. Mark's is not receiving weekly flowers, dedications may be made in memory, celebration, or thanksgiving for someone. All donations will be placed in our General Funds for continued operations.

• "With thanksgiving and gratitude for our granddaughters Elektra Carolyn Wood and Roxanne Shelby Wood in celebration of their birthdays, from their grandparents, Rich and Carol Oppel."

Lector: Ann Seyler.



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The Rev. Zac Koons, Rector The Rev. Mary Keenan, Curate

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