



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

August 28, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Mark's!

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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. 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.

Children in Worship

We happily welcome your children to join us in worship today. We offer nursery care for crawling infants through age three. 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 (parental supervision required). Children ages 3-7 are invited to go to the Parish Hall after the Children's Sermon to participate in Children's Church.

Prayers of the People Journal

If you know of anyone who would appreciate the prayers of the St. Mark's community, please add their first names to the Prayers of the People Journal found at the entrance to the church.

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!



GATHERING

Prelude: *from Sonata No. 2 in C Minor*

Felix Mendelssohn

Grave, Adagio, & Allegro maestoso e vivace

While on tour in England, Mendelssohn (1809-1847) was approached by a publisher to compose a set of organ sonatas. Mendelssohn may have wanted to impress his English colleagues, or perhaps even show them up, because he composed works with extremely virtuosic pedal parts, at a time in history when English organists had marginal pedal technique. He might also have wanted to assert his lineage to the great Bach tradition and the magnificent German organs which influenced his tonal palette.

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

Hymn 420

British Methodist pastor Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) wrote this text to explore how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how all sounds can be praise.

Opening Acclamation

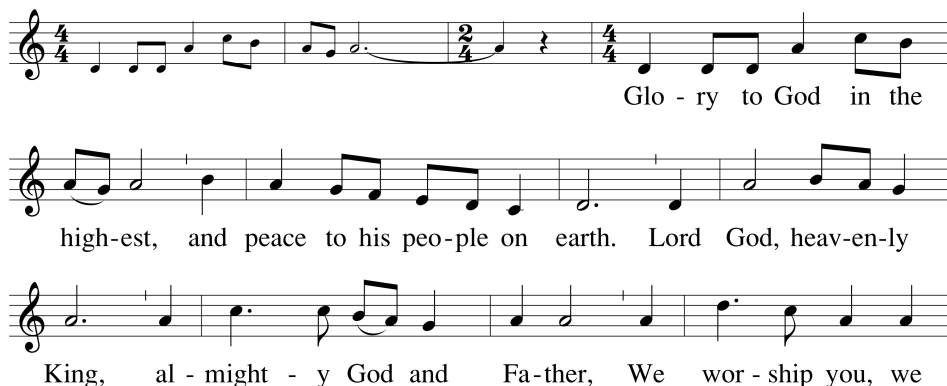
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Gloria in excelsis

A Community Mass



Glo - ry to God in the
high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord, God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have

mer-cy on us; You are seat-ed at the

right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our pray'r, re-

ceive, re-ceive our pray'r.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly

Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

A-men. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Old Testament *(the people sit)*

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;

the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,

for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Exultate Deo

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence: *Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today, and Forever*

Sing four times.

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ,

yes - ter - day, to - day and for ev - er.

The Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Priest
People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

*Priest
People*

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

Children’s Sermon

Casey Bushman

Children are encouraged to come forward for the Children’s Sermon.

After the Children’s Sermon, Children ages 3-7 are invited to go to the Parish Hall for Children’s Church.

The Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

Music for Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

Leader

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 Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin *(the people kneel as they are able)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Announcements

EATING TOGETHER

Offertory Anthem: *Servants of Peace*

K. Lee Scott

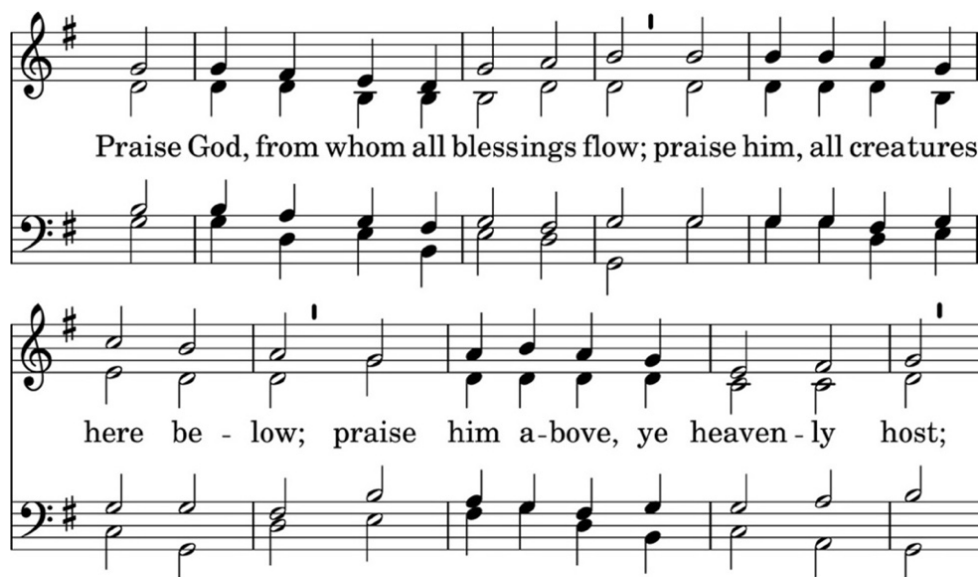
Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy. 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.

Our music this morning is offered in memory of our beloved choir member Eric Panter (April 3, 1986 – August 16, 2022). Eric was a skilled musician, a dedicated choir member, a committed parishioner, and a friend to everyone with the good fortune to know him. This anthem is based on a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. Eric was truly a servant of peace: sowing faith, sharing hope, offering forgiveness, and loving unselfishly.

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The 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 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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

A Community Mass



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music:

Anthem: *The Meditations of My Heart*

Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

Hymn: *Where True Charity and Love Dwell*

Hymn 606

The Gregorian chant melody "Ubi caritas" originated between the 4th and 10th centuries. Some scholars believe the text dates from early Christian gatherings before the formalization of the Mass.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**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: *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.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Prelude: *from Sonata No. 2 in C Minor*
Fuga: Allegro moderato

Felix Mendelssohn

*Today’s Altar Flowers are given by Evelyn McMillen
in loving memory of Michael McMillen.*

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Announcements

Rally Day – TODAY!: Did you know that our Sunday services and programs require dozens of volunteers to run smoothly? Rally Day is an opportunity to reset and sign up for Sunday ministries – please take some time to pray about how you can serve at St. Mark’s! Use the bulletin insert to sign up for one of our Sunday ministries: Acolytes, Altar Guild, Children’s Ministry, Depositors, Hospitality, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Livestream, Ushers/Greeters.

Being With Courses: Beginning in September, we will hold three Being With courses, all on Zoom. **Being With** (Wednesdays, September 14 to November 16, 7:30-9:00 pm) is for those interested in exploring big questions of meaning, God, life, and death with others who are curious; it puts conversation first and seeks to create a safe, non-judgmental space to explore these questions together. **Being With Creation** (Wednesdays, September 14 to November 16, 7:00-8:30 pm, OR Thursdays, September 15 to November 17, 1:00-2:30 pm) focuses on creation care, helping to connect the Christian faith to issues of climate change and making practical suggestions about what we can do in the face of such an overwhelming and complex problem, while rooting those suggestions in deep theological reflection. Use the QR code to register.



St. Mark's Community Forum: Save the date: On Saturday, October 1, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, we will have a St. Mark's Community Forum with Heimsath Architects.

Volunteer Opportunities Abound! Once a week, once a month or once a year – our mission partners need YOU to help with loads of community-building projects. If you like to garden, serve meals, mentor, organize things, or teach... if you like working with children, youth, or adults... we have something for you! CONTACT Mother Mary at mary@stmarksaustin.org or any of the following members of our Mission Advisory Board: Amber Featherstone-Uwague, Laurie Mayor, Mary-Alis Kelly, Nora Kelly, Par Bullock, Resa Dunn, Ron Bolek.

Congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week (Aug 28 – Sep 3)!

Rick Albers
Miles Barker
Clara Berndt
Cindy Bogard
Michael Brode
Caden Callahan

Marquita Dubach
Stevie Farris
Stacey Gonzalez
Greg Hass
Adrian Helen
Rich Janes

Christine Kempff
Alison Lee
Andrea Michael
Kelly Vande Streek
Barbara Wilson

Diana and Greg Stangl

Dee Ann and Mike Thomasson

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