



ST.MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

May 29th, 2022

11:15 a.m.

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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Covid Protocols: Masks are optional for all St. Mark's activities. All St. Mark's staff and lay volunteers, including members of the choir, children's ministry volunteers, and adult leaders in the liturgy, have 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 5 days. I also agree to inform the church office if I test positive for COVID-19 in the week that follows my attendance.

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).

GATHERING

Prelude: *Elegy*
Contemplation

George Thalben-Ball
Alec Rowley

These tranquil meditations for organ are offered in observance of Memorial Day. Sir Thalben-Ball (1896-1987) was born in Australia but spent most of his life in England. His Elegy originated in an improvisation which Thalben-Ball played at the end of a live BBC religious broadcast during World War II. So many listeners phoned the BBC to ask about it, that he decided to notate his improvisation as well as he could remember it. Trinity College of Music professor Alec Rowley (1892-1958) spent his life in London as an organist, pianist, composer, and writer.

Processional 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.

Opening Acclamation

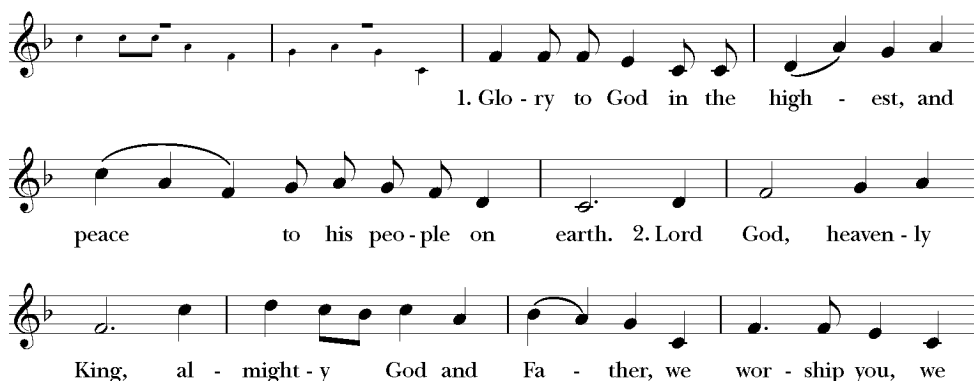
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading *(the people sit)*

Acts 1:1-11

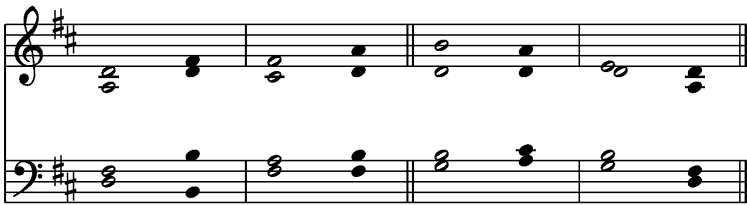
In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

Psalm 93

Dominus regnavit



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- 1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid ap-parel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been es-tablished; *
you are from ever-lasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for ever-more.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Sequence Hymn: *When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth*

Hymn 603

British poet Brian Wren (b. 1936) was a major figure in the revival of hymn writing in the second half of the 20th century. He says that this hymn paints an image of our Lord as the loving Savior who holds all people in his embrace. "This is a Savior who accepts and loves us as we are—people often living in separation from others who are different."

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

*Priest
People*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Deacon
People*

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

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.

The Peace

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

The Announcements

EATING TOGETHER

Offertory Anthem: *My Eyes for Beauty Pine*

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace; no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) was Britain's Poet Laureate from 1913 to 1930. His work evoked a great response in English composers of the time. Howells (1893-1983) sets most of this text as a unison, free-flowing chant melody over organ accompaniment. He emphasizes the phrase "'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love" by changing to a four-part unaccompanied choral texture.

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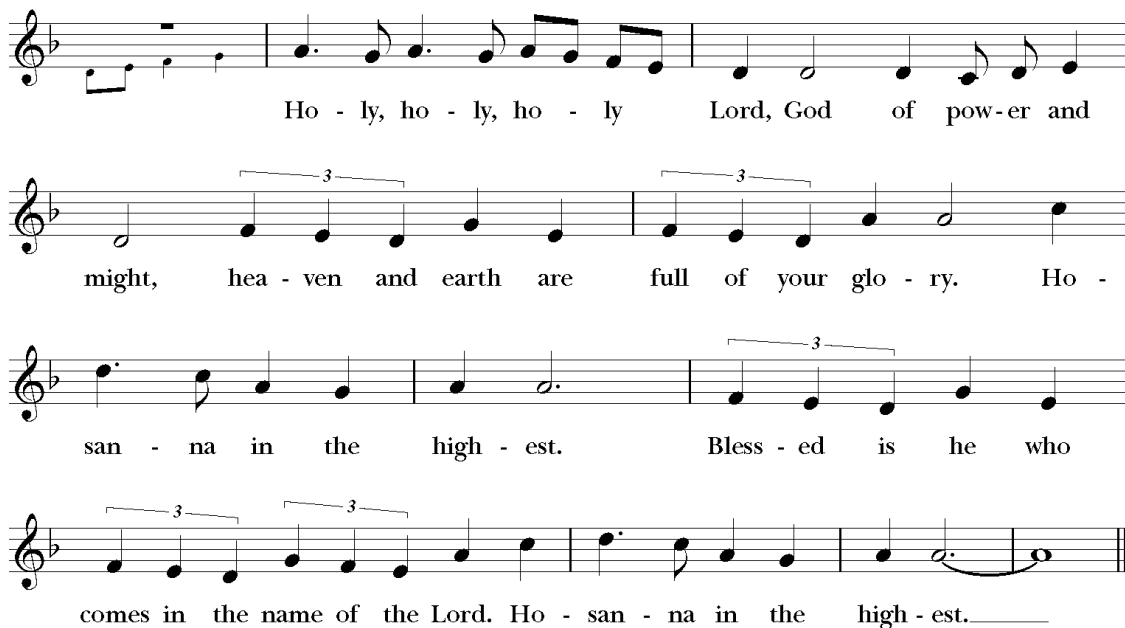
The Doxology *(all standing)*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

Hymnal S-129



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 stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

People



A - MEN.

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.

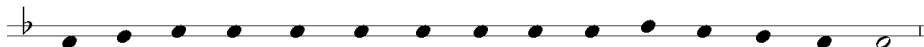
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

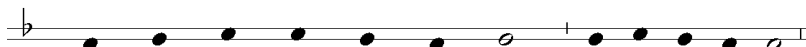
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



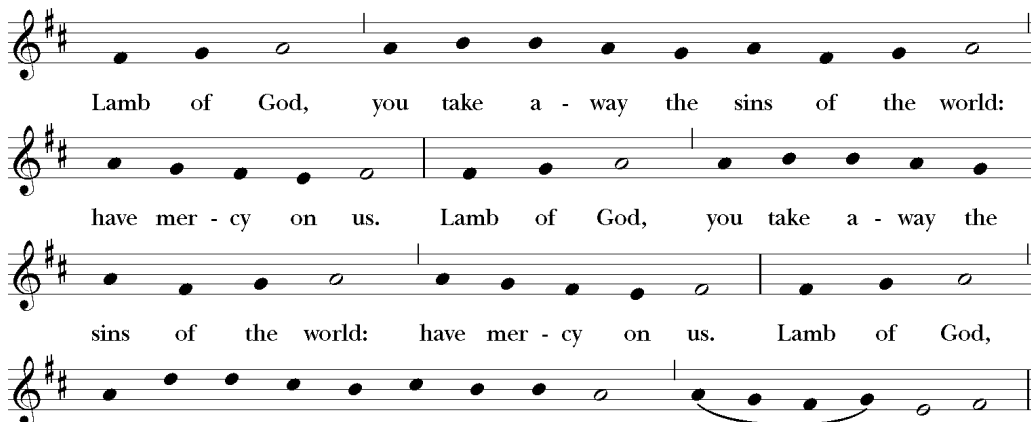
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161



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

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 Hymns

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Hymn 217

This is a translation of an ancient Latin hymn by The Venerable Bede (673-735). An English monk, theologian, scholar, and the “Father of English history;” St. Bede is the only native of Great Britain to be honored as a Doctor of the Church.

The Lord Ascendeth up on High

Hymn 219

The composer of this music, Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), was a German theorist and composer whose scholarly writings are a principal source for knowledge of 17th-century music. His church music consists of over one thousand titles, including the 16-volume Musae Sionae (1605-1612), which contains Lutheran hymns in settings ranging from two voices to multiple choirs.

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: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymn 680

The antithesis between God and humanity is the primary message of this psalm paraphrase by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). English scholar J.R. Watson (b. 1934) observes, "This is one of Watts's greatest hymns on the human condition, setting the shortness of life and the littleness of human beings against the timeless greatness of God... who has been our help [in the past] and hope [in the future]."

The Dismissal

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

Prelude: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Charles Callahan

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Announcements

Summer Schedule: Beginning next Sunday, June 5th, we will move to our summer schedule:

- 8:00 am – Rite I Eucharist
- 10:00 am – Rite II Eucharist, with Children’s Sermon and Children’s Church

The 10:00 am service will be a combination of the existing 9:00 am Picnic Eucharist and 11:15 am traditional service. It will be a traditional liturgy but will include a children’s sermon before the regular sermon. After the children’s sermon, all kids ages 3-7 are invited to attend Children’s Church in the parish hall. The kids will return during the Peace for the remainder of the service.

The Sacraments: Today is the final session of the class on the Sacraments, at 10:00 am in Grace Chapel. Come learn about this central aspect of Episcopal life and worship. Today’s session is on Holy Orders.

Prayer Vigil: Join us tonight at 8:00 PM on the front lawn as we offer prayers for all affected by the school shooting in Uvalde.

Wednesday Evening Eucharist: Join us every Wednesday at 5:30 in Grace Chapel for a service of Eucharist. (Please note that dinner is not being served on Wednesdays.)

Soaked Summer Saturdays – June 11, July 9, August 6: Miniature one-day Vacation Bible Schools for kids entering grades K to 4th, featuring Bible stories and outdoor water games. Registration now open! Visit www.stmarksaustin.org/kids.

LAST CHANCE! Donate summer supplies for our neighbors at Trinity Center, Welcome Table, and El Buen Samaritano. Place donated items in the blue bin in the Parish Hall.

- Cooling towels
- Travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant
- Underwear and socks

Volunteer drivers needed to deliver donations! Contact Mother Mary at mary@stmarksaustin.org.

Rector’s Book Club: The Rector’s Book Club returns! We will meet Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the chapel, beginning Sunday, June 12. We will be reading Andy Crouch’s *The Life We’re Looking For*. Buy the book at www.bookshop.org or wherever you get your books. Read chapters 1 and 2 for the first meeting.

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Daniel Murrieta, Michael Meigs

LEM: Barbara Dody, Jennifer Shaw

Ushers: Pam Johns, David Johns, Mehron Azarmehr

Altar Guild: Judy Elkins, Ann Coley, Laurel Kelly

Livestream Operator: TBD

Vestry-in-Charge: Brenda White

Depositor: Diana Stangl

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, *Theologian in Residence*

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