



# 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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: *Three Chorale Preludes*

**J. S. Bach**

*When We Are in Utmost Need  
If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee  
I Will Never Part from God*

*These pieces come from three important collections of chorale preludes composed by Bach (1685-1750). The first comes from the Orgelbüchlein, which features numerous settings of Lutheran hymns spanning the liturgical year. The second comes from the Schübler Chorales, a set of six preludes that Bach arranged for organ from some of his cantata movements. They were published around 1747 by Johann Georg Schübler. The third comes from the Leipzig Chorales. Also known as the Great Eighteen Chorale Preludes, these were revisions of earlier works that Bach made in the last decade of his life to summarize his mastery of the genre.*

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### 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.

**O** God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Psalm 78: 1-7**

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments.

## **The Gospel**

## **Matthew 25:1-13**

*Jesus* said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Priest*      The Word of the Lord.

***People***    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

**The Rev. Mary Keenan**

## **Music for Reflection**

# 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*

## 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 Solo: *Safe Within Your Arms***

**Mark Hayes**

Whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong, whether I'm weak or whether I'm strong, whether I'm sure or maybe confused, feeling loved or feeling used: I know a place where I can go, somewhere that winter winds don't blow. There I am warmed by loving arms, held with care next to your heart. And I'm safe within your arms, Lord. I've become a child again. I've come back to the source of love, where healing can begin. Though the world would say I must be strong and prove my worth by what I do, I will rest assured in your embrace and find my strength in you. Whether I'm walking in the light or whether I'm stumbling through the night, you are a God whose promise endures; though undeserved, your love is sure. When I am tempted to pursue plans that may lead me far away from you, gently you call, "My child, come home. I will never let go of one of my own."

**Garrett Gerard, soloist**

**Reed Shaw, drums**

*Wisconsin native Mark Hayes (b. 1953) is a composer whose output is focused on music for choir, solo voice, and piano. He graduated from Baylor University with a degree in Music in 1975. He wrote the words and music for this gentle ballad in 2000.*

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## **Announcements**

### **The Peace**

*Priest*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

### **Postlude: *Allegro from Concerto in D Minor, BWV 596***

**J. S. Bach**  
**after Antonio Vivaldi**

*While serving in the court at Weimar, J. S. Bach (1685-1750) transcribed several of Vivaldi's (1678-1741) string concertos for performance by solo organ. They reflect his interest in the contemporaneous music of Italy, and his prowess at the organ. He assimilated many aspects of Vivaldi's concerto style into his own compositional practices.*

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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:** Ashley Phillips, Grant Gehrig, Louis Hack, Adin Kurak, Dunaven Kurak, Jace Castleberry, Resa Dunn, Grant Hack, Lucie Minne, Susan Slattery, Mary Smith, Margaret Delamater, Matt Friedlander, Michael Gehrig, Zachary Raines, Karen Dulaney Smith, John Hicks, Clyde Lambert, Harlem Uwague, Caitlin Van Cott, Dean Denny, Bill Pollard, Todd. Sanders.

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Lucy Joyce & Chase Almond, Barbette & John Cooper, Rachel & Damon Maxwell, Laurie & Jonathon Mayor, Jennifer & Tod Sanders.

**For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pledge cards** - Thank you to all who enjoyed breakfast tacos and returned your pledge cards in person - it was great to see your faces! Pledge cards can continue to be returned via postal mail or completed online here: [www.stmarksaustin.org/pledge-now](http://www.stmarksaustin.org/pledge-now).

**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.

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

**Adult Forum Sunday School in November, 9:45 a.m.** with the Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings: *What is the Good News?* The class link will be shared on our home page Sunday mornings.

**Did you hear the news?** A little pumpkin is on the way for Anna & Fr. Zac. A drive-thru Baby Shower will be held on November 15, 3-5 p.m at their home. For more details, the address, registry information, and to sign up for your drive by slot, click [here](#).

**Rector's Book Club, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.**, reading *The Abundant Community*, by John McKnight and Peter Block. Read through chapters 6 & 7 before the final meeting on November 10.

**St. Mark's 101 Class: Tuesdays in Advent, beginning December 1, 7-8 p.m.**, an orientation to life at St. Mark's —a little theology, a little history, why do we do what we do when we do it. Intended for newcomers, but open to all! RSVP to Fr. Zac: [zac@stmarksaustin.org](mailto:zac@stmarksaustin.org).

**Sunday Schedule:** Outdoor in-person Sunday eucharist services reservations (*required*) open each Monday prior to the Sunday service. RSVP here: [www.stmarksaustin.org](http://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.

## ONGOING EVENTS

- **Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** Access links: [www.stmarksaustin.org](http://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. Please email your requests to the office: [office@stmarksaustin.org](mailto:office@stmarksaustin.org).

**Lectors:** Pattie Rose & Mike Davis



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### **The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, *Bishop of Texas***

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

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

Casey Bushman, *Director of Christian Formation*

Barbara Gausewitz, *Seminarian*

Brandon Haynes, *Seminarian*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Curate*

Mark Reed, *Organist/Director of Music and Bookkeeper*

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