



ST.MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

13th Sunday after Pentecost: August 22nd, 2021
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. Mark's!

WORSHIP

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.

SPECIAL COVID INSTRUCTIONS

By attending this service, you agree to the following:

I understand to the best of my knowledge, I/we have not tested positive for or experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days. If I/we subsequently learn that I/we have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the service or should I/we test positive for COVID-19 in the week following I agree I will contact a member of church staff immediately.

On masks - we ask that everyone ages two and older wear a mask over their nose and mouth while indoors regardless of vaccination status. This accords with current CDC guidance for "congregant settings" and is a way we can protect those vulnerable in our community. All church staff, readers, childcare workers, and choir members are fully vaccinated.

Childcare at the 10:30 service will be for nursery age children only (crawling babies through 3-year olds). The nursery will be in Ms. Mayra's classroom (as it was pre-Covid) and those ages 2 and up will be required to wear masks in accordance with CDC recommendations. No playground supervision or children's church for older kids at this service.

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!



Sunday Service Schedule: no RSVP needed

8:00am - Rite I, in the Sanctuary

9:00am - Rite II, Family Picnic Service on the lawn every Sunday

10:30am - Rite II, in the Sanctuary + livestream via our homepage.

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*

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

Joanne Foote, *Parish Administrator*

Brandon Haynes, *Seminarian*

Karon Hammond, *Head of St. Mark's Day School*

Irma Glover, *Sexton*

GATHERING

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Psalm 34:15-22

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Gospel

John 6:56-69

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Music for Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Nicene Creed *(leader and people)*

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 VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Kai, Jeff and Hector, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; ***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Confession of Sin

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

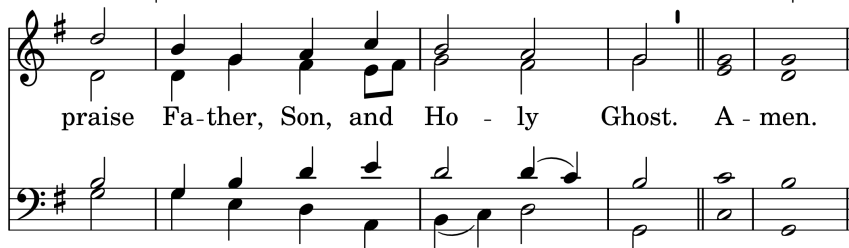
EATING TOGETHER

The Offertory Solo

Iona Olive, soloist

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here be - low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven - ly host;



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.**

Celebrant proceeds

... and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

People stand or kneel, Celebrant continues

... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 Hymns

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymn 304

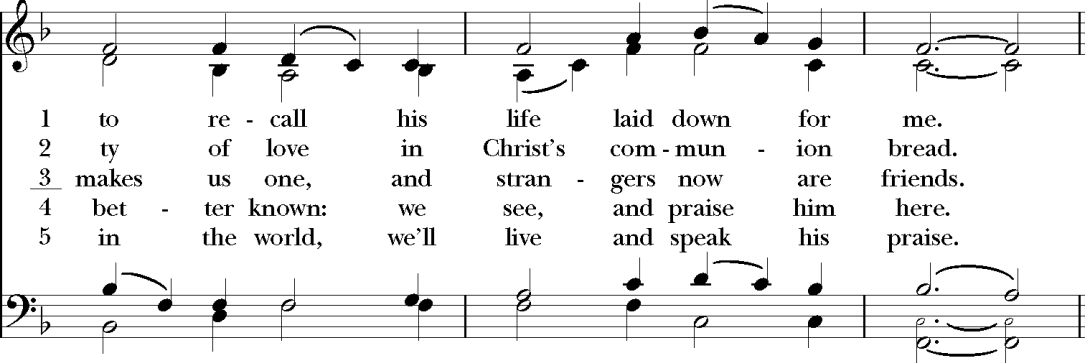
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

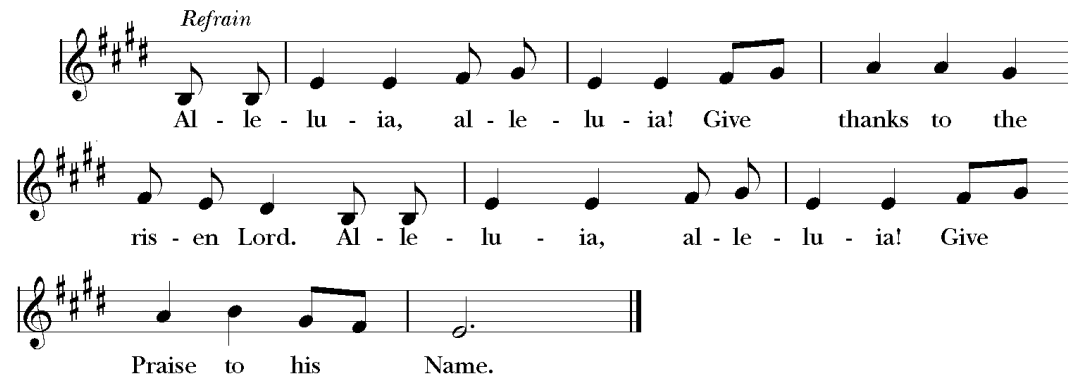


1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

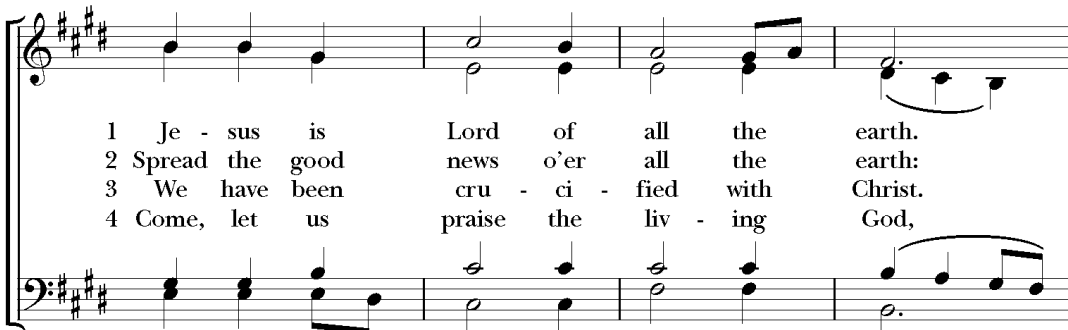
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Hymn 178

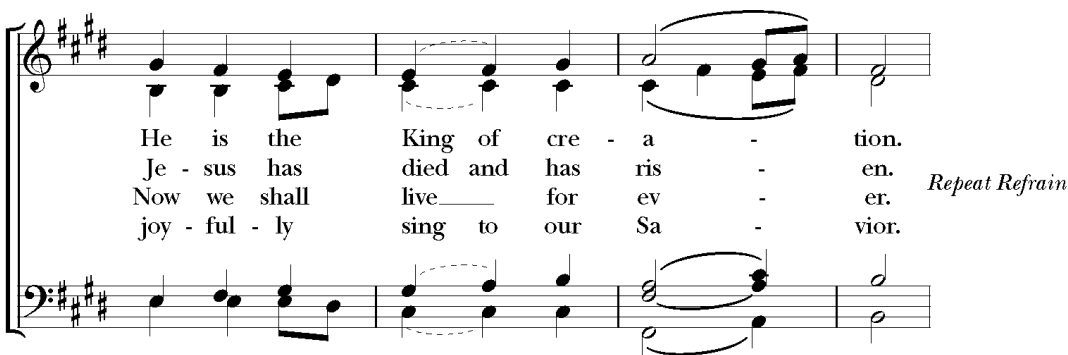
Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. *Repeat Refrain*
Now we shall live for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEING SENT

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and a piano accompaniment. It features a 3/2 time signature and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system includes four numbered lines of lyrics. The second system includes four lines of lyrics. The third system includes four lines of lyrics. The fourth system includes two lines of lyrics, with the second line being a refrain. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to Iona Olive for providing this morning's music.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday! Blessing of Backpacks, August 29th, 9am at the outdoor picnic service on the front lawn. All children are invited to bring their backpacks/devices for a special blessing.

LAST CALL - Church Directory Updates! Choose ONE of the options below to update/verify your information.

- ♦ Stop by the usher table on Sunday mornings & verify/update the printed copy of the directory - put a check next to your name if everything is correct or write in your changes **OR**
- ♦ Complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/cjUKCt5mJqec98fB8> (*ONLY necessary if you have changes since June 2019*).

Save the date!

- **Tuesday Bible Study is resuming September 14** with a study of Acts. We will meet at the church at Noon with snacks - but feel free to bring your lunch.
 - **St. Mark's Memorial Golf Tournament, September 11, 2021**, Lions Municipal Golf Course, 8:00 am. For all details and payment information, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2bwwzr8y>
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Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Barbara Dody, Mehron Azarmehr

Ushers: Tom Delamater, Phil Aboussie

Altar Guild: Dee Ann Thomasson, Darlene Goodnight, Ann Coley

Livestream Operator: Matthew Awitan

Parish Intercession List

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

For those celebrating birthdays: Oliver Bondy, Kristen Lewis, Charlotte Bushman, Barbette Cooper, Caden Callahan, Stacey Gonzalez, Greg Hass, Rich Janes.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Cathy & James Nelson, Amy & Nassos Papalexandrou.

Those for whom the Daughters of the King pray.