



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
September 11, 2022
11:15 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 offer drop-off childcare for crawling infants through age three in the nursery, and for Pre-K through 1st grade in the Parish Hall. Children may be picked up at the Peace for communion, or after the service. Prefer to have your kids stay and participate in the service? Ask an usher for a children's bulletin, find crayons in the pew backs, or head to the Kid's Corner in the narthex for reading and quiet play with your child.

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: *Four Preludes on English Hymn Tunes*

arr. Charles Callahan

Charles Callahan (b. 1951) wrote this set of pieces in 2012. Included are “Jupiter” by Gustav Holst, the folk tune “King’s Lynn,” the 15th-century ballad “Deo Gracias,” and “Jerusalem” by C. Hubert H. Parry.

Processional Hymn: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Hymn 518

This morning’s Processional, Sequence, and Recessional Hymns were sung at the Platinum Jubilee National Service of Thanksgiving, held at St. Paul’s Cathedral in London on June 3, 2022. The composer of this tune, Henry Purcell (1659-1695) was the most important composer of his time. He served as organist of Westminster Abbey, for which this tune is named.

Opening Acclamation

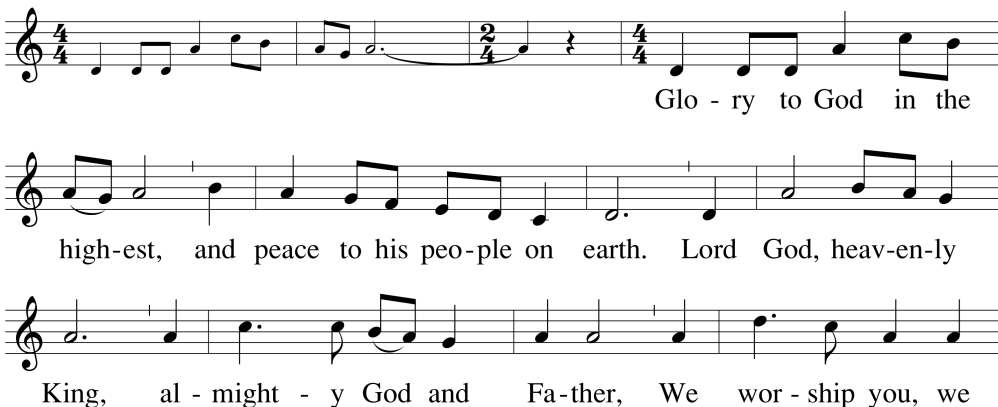
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

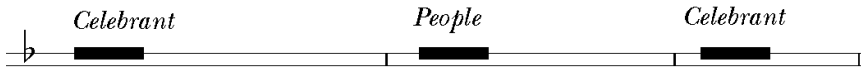
A Community Mass



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



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



A - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament *(the people sit)*

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse – a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

“For my people are foolish, they do not know me;
they are stupid children, they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.”

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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



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- 1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the af-fllicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.
- +7 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The New Testament

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

The author of this text, Walter C. Smith (1824–1908) was a minister in the Free Church of Scotland. He said that he wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

Priest
People

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Priest
People

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

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 VI

Leader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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 all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The intercessor names those listed in the Prayers of the People journal.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

Silence.

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.

The intercessor names those listed in the Prayers of the People journal.

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

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: *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Mary Lynn Lightfoot

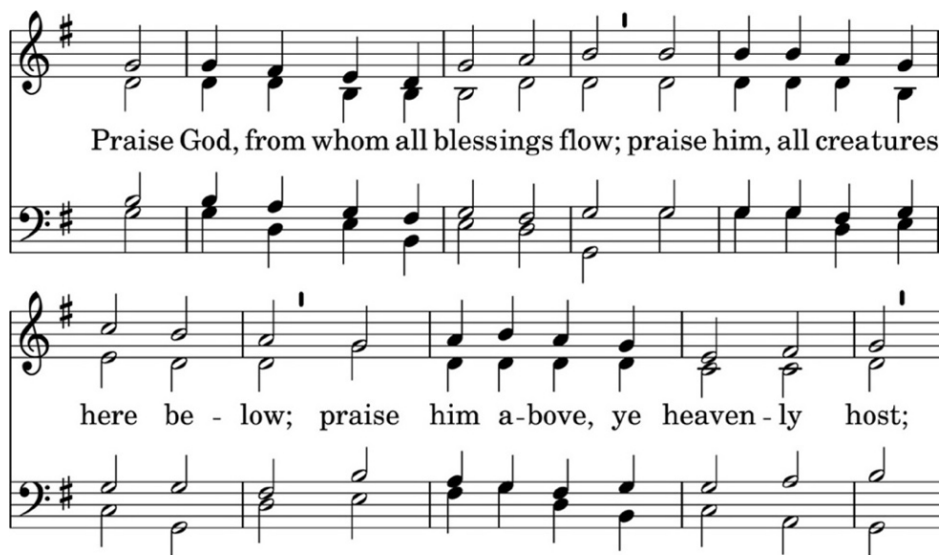
My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation. I catch the sweet, not far off hymn, that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing; it finds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing? What though my joys and comfort die! The Lord, my Savior liveth; what though the darkness gather round! Songs in the night he giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that refuge clinging; since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it; and day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; all things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?

These familiar words were written by the American Baptist minister Robert Lowry (1826-1899). First published in 1868 with the title "Always Rejoicing," it has been paired with numerous tunes. This setting was made by Mary Lynn Lightfoot (b. 1952), a retired music educator, choral conductor, and editor of numerous choral publications.


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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;



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

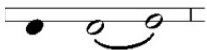
... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**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.**

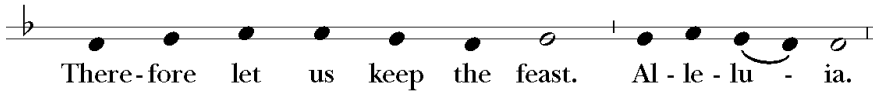
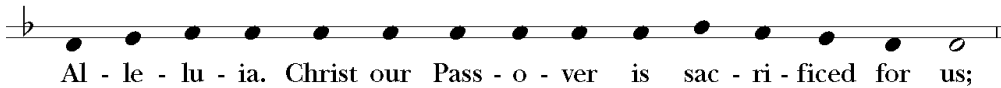
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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.



Agnus Dei

A Community Mass



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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:

Hymn: *The Lord My God My Shepherd Is*

Hymn 663

This tune is commonly sung in other English-speaking countries with a slightly different translation of Psalm 23, "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want." The tune is named "Crimond" after a village in Scotland. It was a favorite hymn of Queen Elizabeth II, who heard it sung as a girl, and later requested that it be sung at her wedding in 1947.

Hymn: *Father, We Praise Thee*

Hymn 1

This hymn is a translation of an ancient Latin text. It is traditionally attributed to Pope Gregory the Great (540-604), but some scholars think that the theologian, Alcuin of York (735-804) may instead be the author. Others suggest that it originated as late as the 10th century. It made its first appearance in an English hymnal in 1906.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Hymn 523

This is an 18th-century English hymn written by Anglican cleric John Newton, who also wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace." The tune Abbot's Leigh was composed on a Sunday morning in 1941 by the priest Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). Taylor was working as a religious broadcaster for the BBC in their wartime headquarters in the village of Abbot's Leigh.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Postlude on "Jerusalem"*

C. Hubert H. Parry, arr. Callahan

"And did those feet in ancient time" is a poem by William Blake (1757-1827). Today it is best known as the hymn "Jerusalem," with music written in 1916 by Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918), and later orchestrated by Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934).

Announcements

Children/Youth Registration: This year we have revamped our registration process for kids and youth programming. Instead of having you fill out multiple forms throughout the year for different programs and different kids, we have created ONE comprehensive Registration & Release Form that will cover the entire 2022-23 year of kids and youth programming at St. Mark's. Just one form per family for the whole year! Think of it as your family's ticket to everything from youth group outings to Godly Play to nursery drop-offs to Wednesday night programs. You can access the form through the Kids page of our website, at www.stmarksaustin.org/kids. Contact Casey at casey@stmarksaustin.org with any questions.

Theology of Bad Things: This formation class is about the problem of pain. If God is good and all-powerful, why do such bad things continue to happen? Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in Grace Chapel, from September 11 through October 16, for this special clergy panel class with Nathan, Mary, and Zac.

St. Mark's 101: Newcomers are invited to join Father Zac for a three-session St. Mark's 101 class on Sundays, September 18, September 25, and October 2, at 10:00 am in the conference room. This class is designed to provide an introduction to St. Mark's – who we are, what we do, and how to get involved. Contact Father Zac at zac@stmarksaustin.org to register.

Daughters of the King: The St. Theresa Chapter of St. Mark's Daughters of the King will be celebrating their officers' installation, admission of new DOK Iona Olive, and members' rededication, this Wednesday, September 14, at the 6:00 pm Eucharist. We hope many of our DOK members and fellow parishioners can join us as we begin another year of our chapter devoted to prayer, service, and evangelism.

Women of St. Mark's: The Women of St. Mark's will meet on Monday, September 19, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and bunco. All are welcome!

St. Mark's Community Forum: On Saturday, October 1, from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, St. Mark's is holding a Community Forum to discuss the near-term and long-term needs of the Church and School for renovations and/or expansions of the existing church and school buildings, and potential site improvements. The Forum will be facilitated by Heimsath Architects and will include a tour and evaluation of St. Mark's current facilities. Breakfast and coffee will be available beginning at 9:00 am. For more information or to register, visit www.stmarksaustin.org/community-forum.

The Block Party Is Coming Up! Be here Saturday, October 22, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, for food, games, and music – bring your friends! If you'd like to help, contact Lindsay Mullins at lmullins4@austin.rr.com.

Threatened Texas Art Walk: St. Mark's is excited to welcome a new art installation to our meditation trail. With roughly 150 threatened and 75 endangered species in Texas alone, artist Juliet Whitsett offers viewers encounters with biodiversity through her interactive and artistic representations of our rarest and most at risk.

Tuesday Bible Study: Join us on Tuesdays at Noon for a study of Amos. We meet via Zoom. Contact Mother Mary at mary@stmarksaustin.org for details!

Wednesday Evening Eucharist: Join us every Wednesday at 6:00 pm (note the time change) in Grace Chapel for a service of Eucharist.

Bless the Pets at Community First! Village: Sunday, October 2, from 2:00-3:30. And hey, let's collect some pet supplies for them, too! Make donations in the blue tub in the parish hall. For more info contact Sarah Bushman at sjbushman@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate altar flowers (suggested donation of \$50), please sign up in the Parish Hall or email the church office at office@stmarksaustin.org with the Sunday of your choice and your dedication (in memory or honor of someone, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, etc.).

Congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week (Sep 11-17)!

Sonnie Barham
Dan Bogard
Kim Buckner
Barbara Dody

Sydney Doidge
Zephyr Gates
Betty Lee
Al McKinney

Logan Pugh
Olivia Rush
Jackie Whalen

Jessica Attie and Peter Stafford
Penny and Christopher Considine

Tim and Jana Kay Green

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Amelia Sondgeroth, Pat Bullock

LEMs: Jay Brown, Dru Cabler

Ushers: Bo Overstreet, Laurel Kelly,
Pat Bullock, Tom Delamater

Altar Guild: Pat Bullock, Brenda White,
Dodie Wells, Stephanie Young

Depositors: Marjie Lawrence, Susan Bonnen

Hospitality: Michael Meigs