



24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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: *Two Hymn Settings*

Clay Christiansen

Be Thou My Vision Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Dr. Clay Christiansen (b. 1949) served for 10 years as organist and choirmaster at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Salt Lake City. He also served as organist for five years at Utah's only Jewish synagogue, Congregation Kol Ami. From 1982 to 2018 he was Tabernacle organist in Salt Lake City, accompanying the famed choir on television and for tours around the world. His compositions, including works for organ, chorus, string quartet, woodwind trio, and chamber and symphony orchestra, are widely performed. He and his wife, Diane, are the parents of 13 children and have over 50 grandchildren.

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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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

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: *In Heavenly Love Abiding.*

Deborah Govenor

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear, and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here. The storm may roar around me, my heart may low be laid; but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed? Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back; my Shepherd is beside me and nothing can I lack. His wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim; he knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him. Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen; bright skies will soon be o'er me where darkest clouds have been. My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free; my Savior has my treasure, and he will walk with me.

Christa Tumlinson, soloist

Composer Deborah Govenor (b. 1954) is a graduate of Ohio State University, where she received a Bachelor of Music Education degree as a piano major, and Trinity Lutheran Seminary, where she received a Master of Theological Studies degree. She is a composer of sacred choral music with over 60 anthems in print, and is Organist and Choir Director at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Ellsworth, Maine. She and her husband share their home with four dogs and four cats.

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Announcements

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Postlude: *Grand Chœur*

Théodore Salomé

Théodore-César Salomé (1834–1896) was a French organist and composer. In Paris, he served at the Église de la Sainte-Trinité. His obituary said that, “He had much talent and was an artist of high rank. M. Salomé was of a retiring disposition, but with a most amiable and attractive manner that made one feel at once that he was their friend.” “Grand Chœur” is a musical instruction to use the full resources of the organ in performance.

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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: Melissa Blanding, Bo Overstreet, Beth Chenoweth, John DeMarines, Rose Jennings, Will Kelly, Lindsay Mullins, Max Peers, Laura Heiligenthal, Kathrine Shriver, Dan Aja, Esme Barker, Christianne Castleberry, Diane Silver, Sam Boudreau.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Cindy & Dru Cabler.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge cards - Please return your pledge cards by Thanksgiving, either via postal mail or completed online here: www.stmarksaustin.org/pledge-now.

Drive-by Baby Shower for Anna & Fr. Zac today! 3-5 p.m at their home. Sign up for your drive-by slot [here](#), (address/registry info in link). They are excited to see anyone who can make it, your presence is their gift!

El Buen Samaritano Hands for Hope: to contribute directly to their meal campaign visit their website: elbuen.org.

Advent Candles available on November 22. Stop by the church and pick up candles for your home advent wreath (or pickup during one of the in-person services). Advent begins Sunday, November 29th.

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.

ONGOING EVENTS

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.

Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Access links: www.stmarksaustin.org. Note: no morning prayer November 25-27 (Thanksgiving). Morning prayer will resume on November 30th.

Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study with Mother Mary - November 17th is the final meeting of the year.

Sunday Schedule: Outdoor in-person Sunday eucharist services reservations (*required*) open each Monday prior to the Sunday service. RSVP here: 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

Missed a sermon? Or need to catch up on Mr. Casey's children's programming videos? Subscribe to St. Mark's YouTube channel [here](#).

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.

Lector: Mike Thomasson



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

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