

# **WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✠ CAPITOL HILL**

## **ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



## **THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP**

**October 22, 2023**

**11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**

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# Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill



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**Land Acknowledgement** We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples on whose traditional territory we are located, specifically the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We make this acknowledgement mindful of the traumatic events and the ongoing forces of systemic racism and oppression that forced native peoples from their lands. We continue our commitment to learning, growing, and finding a new way forward together for meaningful, mutual healing.



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**PRELUDE** Let All Things Now Living

*The Ash Grove*, Welsh folk tune  
arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

*Please stand as able.*

**OPENING HYMN** 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

*Duke Street*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - every tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - every crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

## OPENING SENTENCES

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE COLLECT

The Holy Spirit is upon you!  
**And also upon you!**

Let us pray:

**You know us each by name, O God, and in your sight we have found favor,  
 yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or the vastness of your love.  
 Grant, that as we glimpse your greatness, we may always return to you the praise that  
 is yours. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in  
 the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE READING Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

## THE GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

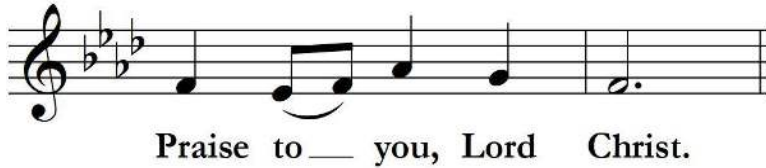


Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?”

They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of Jesus.



## SERMON

Annemarie Quigley, Deacon Intern

*The people stand as able when prompted to do so.*

## THE AFFIRMATION

**We believe that God has created us.**

**We believe that God is born among us.**

**We believe that God will always sustain us.**

**We believe that God calls us to bring peace, justice, and compassion into this world.**

**We believe that in the end of all things, God’s love shall prevail. Amen.**

## CONFESSION

Let us confess where we have missed the mark against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

**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.**

Gracious God, have mercy upon 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Open our minds, Creator, that we may dream a church reconciled, a church that knows only your love so abundantly that it bursts with a passion for ministry, a desire to give completely, and a sense of stewardship that seeks only to give back.

**Creator, open our minds.**

Open our hearts, giver of gifts, to be transformed by the mighty outpouring of your compassion, so that our will to serve others with humility, integrity, and urgency is your desired will for us, your servants.

**Giver of gifts, open our hearts.**

Open our eyes, Sanctifier of Life, to the hurts and needs of others that challenge us to ministry. Teach us to see where our own abilities and resources– and the world's deep hunger–meet.

**Sanctifier of Life, open our eyes.**

Open our memories, Redeemer of all, as we remember those who have died. Help us to honor the wisdom of those who devoted their Earthly lives to your service, and who generously gave of their time and treasure.

**Redeemer of all, open our memories.**

Let us pray for those in our lives and for others.

*Please add your petitions, either silently or aloud.*

Open our hands, O Spirit to be your instrument of witness. Help us to work without caution, serve without recognition, to do justice, to love kindness, and to serve humbly with you, our God.

**Spirit, open our hands.**

Open our lips, oh Spirit, that we may proclaim your benevolent truth and your call for justice in our congregation, in our communities, and in the world.

**Spirit, open our lips.**

Together, let us pray:

**Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You give us gifts in abundance. Grant that we may know and trust you, so that we may use these good gifts in joyful service to you and our neighbors. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you!  
And also with you.

## VESTRY GREETING & WELCOME

## ELECTRONIC OFFERING

*Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an online gift, or learn about the other ways to give, by visiting the St. Mark's website, stmarks.net, and choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.*



*Gifts to St. Marks can also be made by texting "stmarks20003" to 73256, or by visiting the QR code. Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the Most High.

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Praise God with Heart and Voice

Words & Music by Cary Ratcliff

Chancel Choir

*Praise God with heart and voice, come before him with thanksgiving.  
In him let us rejoice, to him grateful spirits bring;  
His hand by faith is seen guiding all our days,  
Praise God, his goodness sing.*

*Earth shouts the praise of God; heavens hum God's hidden wisdom;  
Life sings his eye's detail, Distant oceans sound his power;  
Stars storm the void with voice: speak creation's rhymes;  
Times dances the plans of God.*

*Praise him whose universe bursts bright with quiet meaning,  
Whose wounded world he gives light for its redeeming;  
Whose Word has come to us, spoken in our flesh;  
Whose mercies our lives refresh.*

*Hurl high our joy in him, sing deep our fresh-found gladness.  
Wing words of grateful span, tell his loving kindness.  
Thanksgiving we shall bring, hymns of beauty raise,  
Praise God through all our days.*

*Please stand as able.*



# PRESENTATION HYMN

594 God of grace and God of glory, vv. 1 & 4

*Cwm Rhondda*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

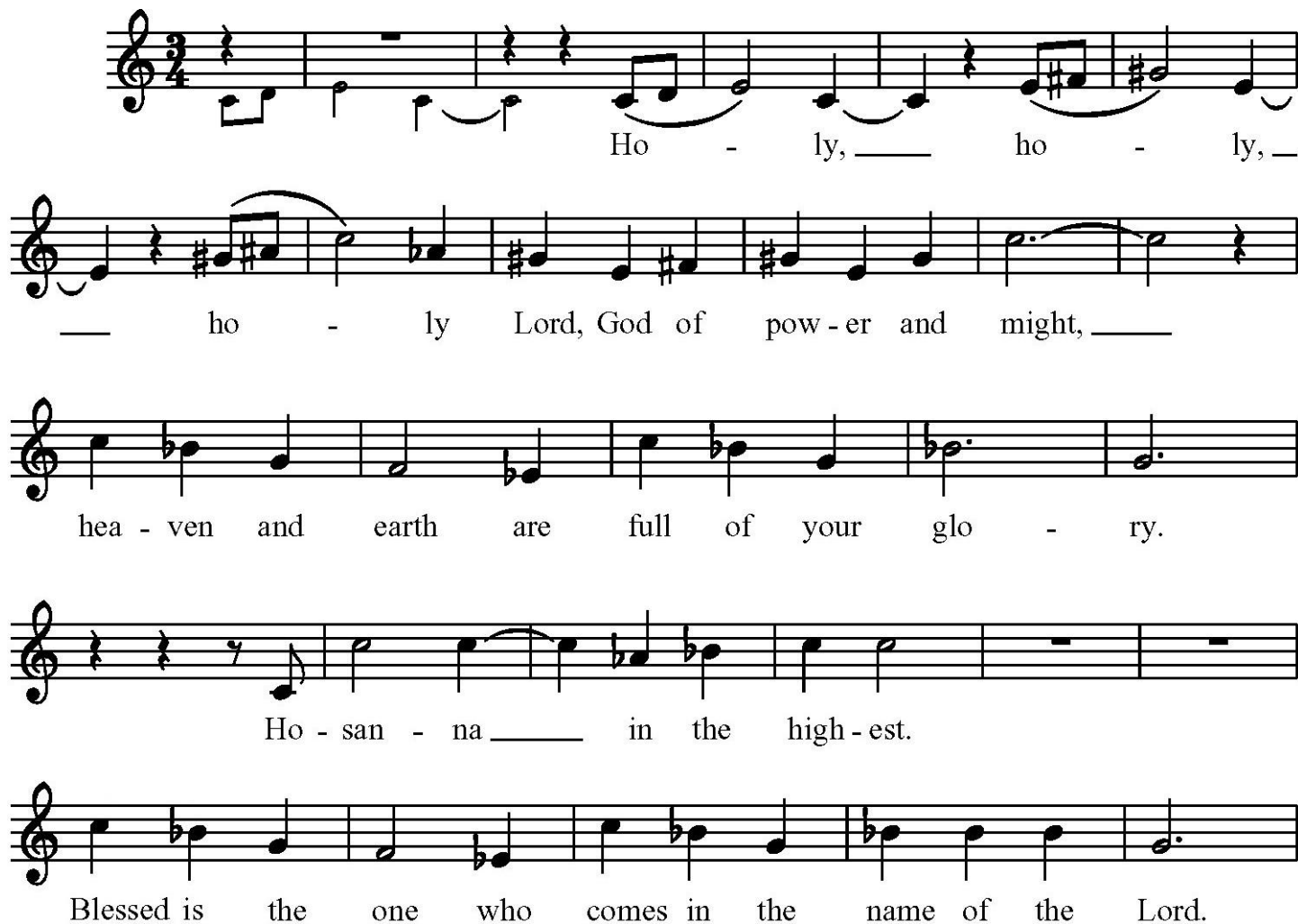
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all of creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## SANCTUS

From *Music for the Eucharist*, David Hurd



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.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## 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.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

From *Music for the Eucharist*, David Hurd

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

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us and this bread and wine as God's food for all. Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe or do not believe, all are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

## THE COMMUNION

*St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our  
strong belief in the power of community.*

*You will be offered bread by a celebrant, and invited to drink from the common cup.  
Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.*

# MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LEVAS 91 Give Me Jesus

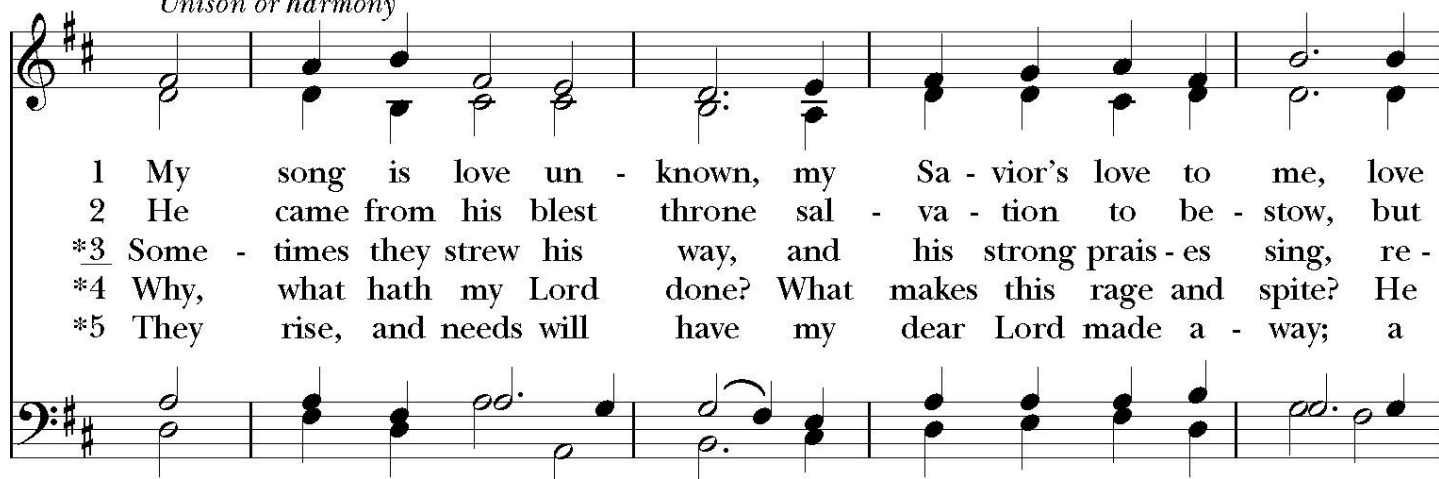
African American Spiritual, arr. Evelyn D. White

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I  
2. Dark mid - night was my cry, Dark mid - night was my  
3. O when I come to die, O when I come to

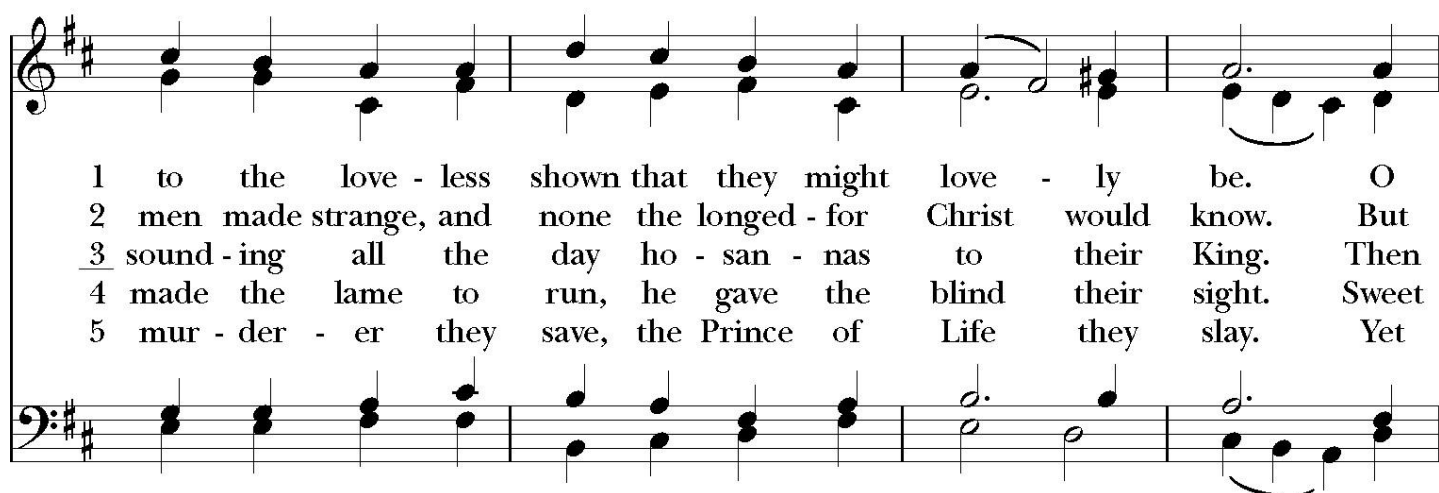
1. rise, In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.  
2. cry, Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.  
3. die, O when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.

Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus, You may

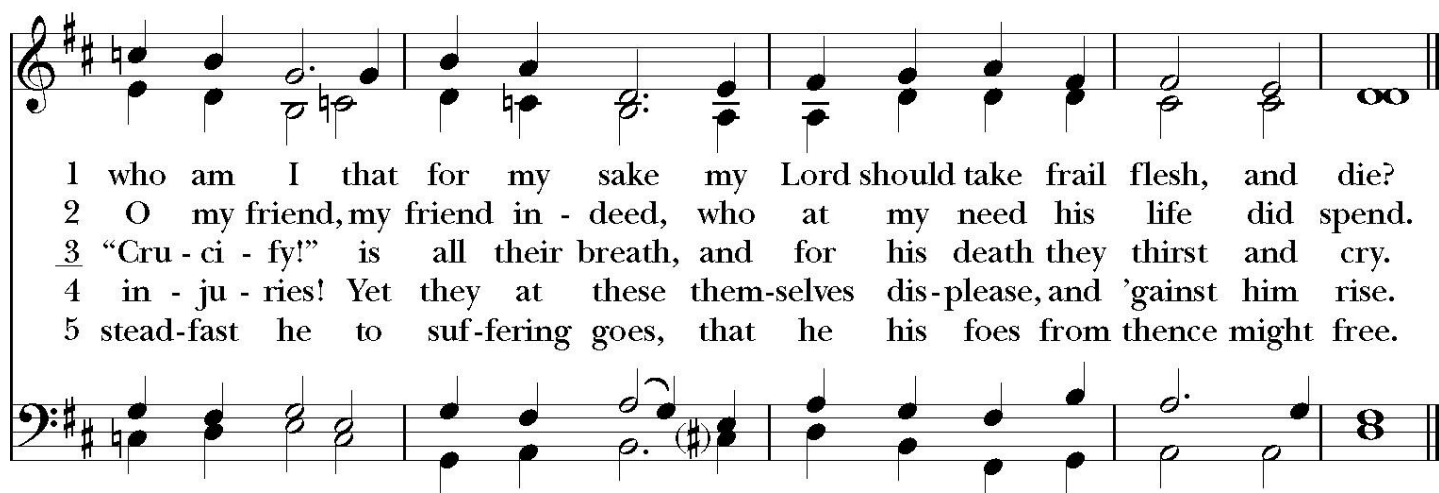
have all this world, Give me Je - sus.

*Unison or harmony*


1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 \*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
 \*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
 \*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst him rise.  
 5 stead-fast he to suf-fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

\*6 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heaven was his home;  
 but mine the tomb  
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 no story so divine:  
 never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine,  
 This is my friend,  
 in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 could gladly spend.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

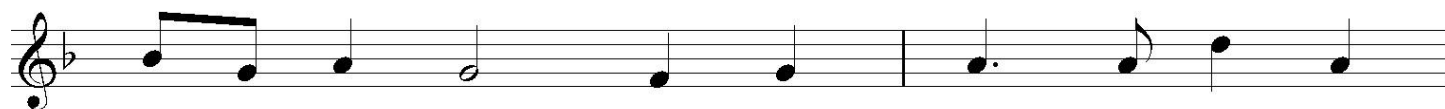
Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN 665 All my hope on God is founded, vv. 1-4

*Michael*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
\*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

## **THE BLESSING**

Life is short, and we have but little time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth caring for the world as God cares for us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Voluntary in G, Op. 7 No. 9

John Stanley (1712-1786)





## Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

*If you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles, we'd love to talk to you!  
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<b>Director of Music</b>	Jeff Kempskie
<b>Verger</b>	Jan Lipscomb, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Readers</b>	Jason Wallis & Linda Ewald <i>11:15</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bridey Heing, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Doris Burton, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Bread &amp; Wine</b>	Judy Smith & Pat Latin, <i>11:15</i>
<b>Video Director</b>	Victor Creef-Meza
<b>Technical Director</b>	Charlie Rupp



**The Honduras Cross**, above the central altar platform, symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly with our sister congregations in the San Marcos Cluster in Honduras. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to the St. Mark's community.

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## Diocesan Delegates

Tom Getman (2025), and Mary Neznec (2024)

The upcoming Vestry Meetings are held on Zoom on these dates. Contact Michele for the link if you want to join us: Tuesday 7pm on 10/24



## **Cycle of Prayer**

### ***In the Diocese of Washington***

World Mission Sunday

### ***Anglican Communion***

Pray for The Anglican Church of Korea

### ***Parish Prayer List***

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal  
Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Greg Burton • Fairfield Butt  
Alexander Casadonte • Presiding Bishop Michael Curry • Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys  
Mary De Nys • Charley Donnelly • Pete Eveleth • Candance Golladay  
Gale Johnson • Pat Latin • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks  
Mac McLaughlin • Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson • Sylvia Peterson  
James and Wanda Pittman • Deb Sullivan • Olga, Tony & Anthony Sullivan  
Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson • Rita Wolfinger  
Geoffrey Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

### ***Additional Prayers***

*Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli but pray rather for ourselves,  
that we might not divide them in our prayers, yet  
keep them both together in our hearts.*

(The Reverend. Sari Ateek, Rector of St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church in Bethesda and a Palestinian American.)

### ***Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Military***

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest • Noah Landen

*If you would like to request to add or remove a name, please email the  
Bulletin Coordinator at [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net)*

## **St. Mark's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2024**

### ***What is stewardship?***

Stewardship means that we individually and collectively make gifts of financial resources and of time and talents to support the mission and ministries of St. Mark's. In addition to money, time and service given to others are also critical components of stewardship - our church can't function without gifts of money, time, and service.

### ***Why is pledging important?***

Each year, we ask you to commit to the practice of financially supporting the parish. The vestry does its best to operate the church on a sound basis, and knowing what the church can expect in income enhances the vestry's ability to plan responsibly. About 77% of our annual income comes from pledging. St Mark's operating budget supports the ministry and mission of the church, it supports our staff, maintenance, and programs as well as the programs of the dioceses and the larger Episcopal Church. Your pledge enables us to tell the good news of Jesus in the world and our commitment to telling the story in a concrete way.

### ***How much should I give? Am I expected to tithe?***

The most important thing is to make a pledge and gift that is meaningful to you. The concept of tithing – giving 10% of your income – is rooted in scripture and Episcopal doctrine, yet today, we all receive appeals from multiple organizations and causes, so we may share our “tithe” among multiple organizations, many of which have large and broad donor bases.

Most of us want our financial gifts to make a real impact and since St. Mark's has a potential donor base of 300 households, your gift to St. Mark's makes a very large impact on our ability to fulfill the many important ministries that support our parish and community.

### ***Why should every member pledge?***

We give so that we can be part of a community and be in relationship to God. We all expect the church to be here when we need it—baptisms, weddings, funerals, and, of course, every single Sunday of the year. Together, we share responsibility to fund these ministries. We know that the past few years have been challenging for many and that our costs will likely increase in the coming year. We ask that you consider making, and if possible increasing, your pledge this year.

### ***How do I make my pledge?***

Fill out and return a pledge card (there is one on the following page). You may also pledge online at <https://www.stmarks.net/get-involved/donate-pledge/>

## **St. Mark's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2024**



St. Mark's depends on donations to sustain its programs and facilities. The annual church operating budget is based on the sum of these pledges, and the number of programs and service and social justice activities that St. Mark's is able to offer depends directly on our collective generosity.

**Amount of your Pledge** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ANNUAL PLEDGE. I/We pledge to contribute to support the work of the church during the year 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ NEWCOMER PLEDGE. I am/We are new this year. I/We pledge to contribute something to support the church during the year 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ LEGACY POSSIBILITY. Please send information about how to include St. Mark's in my/our will or estate plan.

\_\_\_\_\_ LEGACY. I/We have already included St. Mark's in my/our estate plan.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional names (if pledging as a household):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apt.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile /Work/Home

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## Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, and office directory.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.

*Go in peace and return often!*

After completing, please remove this page and place in the offering plate or give to a greeter.

I attended: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sermon Seminar  
\_\_\_\_\_ 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist  
\_\_\_\_\_ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

On October 22, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about:

- \_\_\_\_\_ BECOMING A MEMBER
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism (child, adult)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Getting married at St. Mark's
- \_\_\_\_\_ Music (choir, lessons)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Children/youth classes & programs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult classes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Senior programs/activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outreach/community service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yoga classes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dance classes
- \_\_\_\_\_ St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*You can stay up to date on St. Mark's news by signing up online for the weekly eGospel newsletter at [www.stmarks.net/contact-us/](http://www.stmarks.net/contact-us/). If you'd like to join the St. Mark's egroup to interact with other parishioners, please contact Raiford Gaffney ([rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com)).*