



St Mark's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

love is our tradition

**The Thirteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
August 18, 2024 Rite 2 Year B**

Thank you for joining us in worship.
We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have
And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

We Love God

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

We Love Each Other

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

We Love Our Community

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

We Love Our Faith

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

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Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

O Jesus, I have promised

setting by Aaron David Miller

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 390 (Blue Book)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Descant

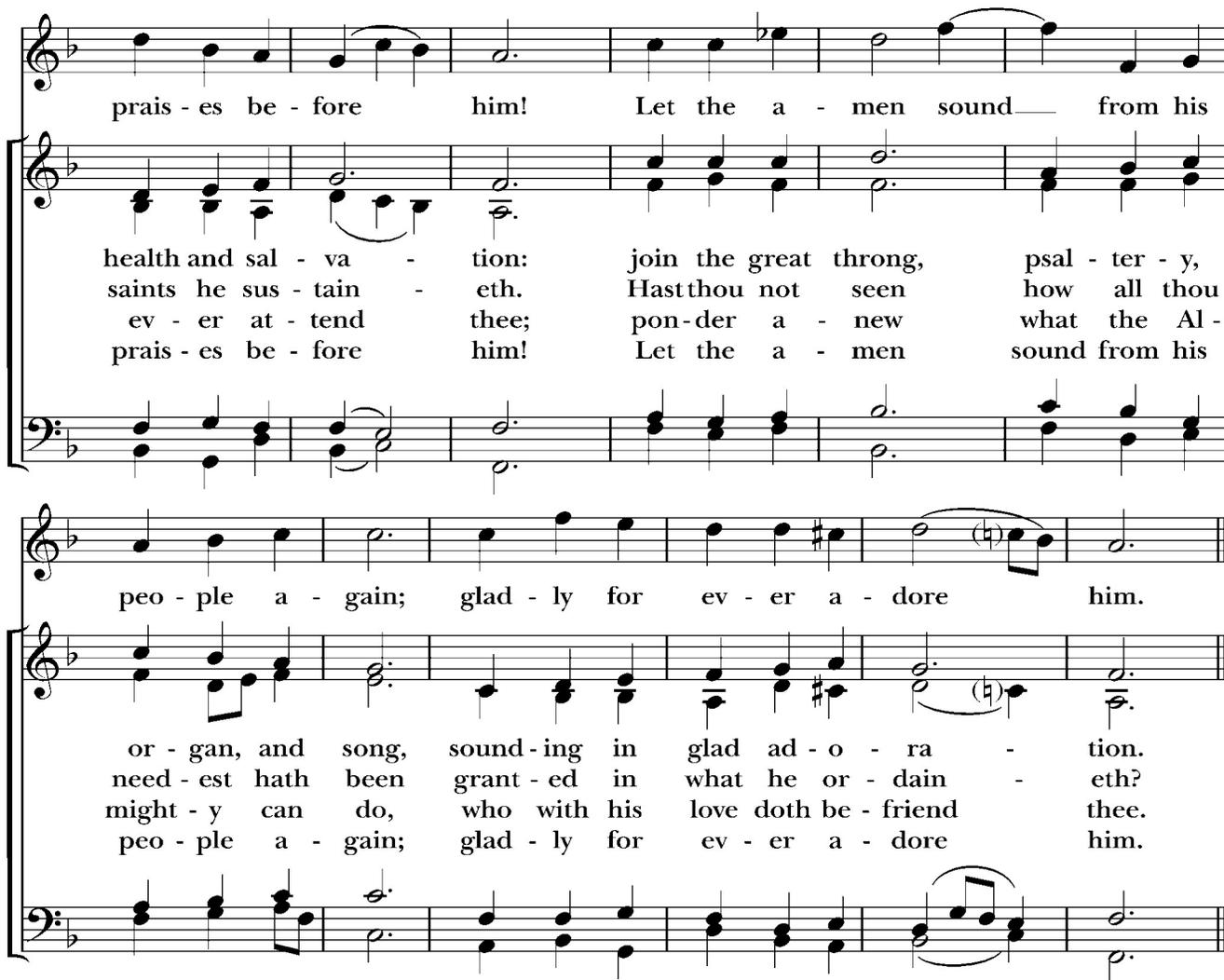
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

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prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lectern



The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the First Book of Kings

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Karen Hardison

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word.

Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Confitebor tibi

Cantor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

Cantor and Congregation:

The fear_ of the Lord is the be - gin-ning of wis - dom.

Cantor:

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Cantor and Congregation:

The fear_ of the Lord is the be - gin-ning of wis - dom.

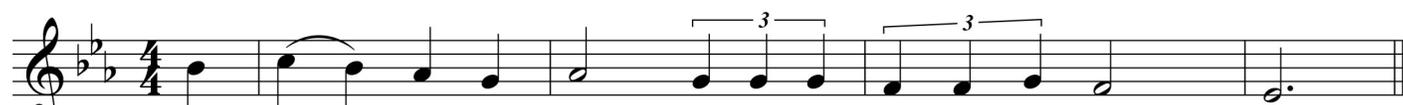
5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

Cantor and Congregation:



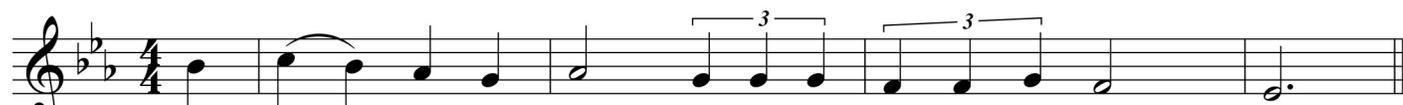
The fear_ of the Lord is the be - gin-ning of wis - dom.

The musical notation is a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. There are two triplet markings over the eighth notes in the final two measures.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Cantor and Congregation:



The fear_ of the Lord is the be - gin-ning of wis - dom.

The musical notation is identical to the first line, featuring a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. It includes quarter notes, eighth notes, and two triplet markings.

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 5:15-20

Dale Salyers

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 309 (Blue Book)

O Food to pilgrims given

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
give us, and all we need pro - vide.
hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.



The Gospel

John 6:51-58

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

The Baptismal Font



Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

(Stand or kneel)

Prayers of the People

Mickie Jones

Intercessor: Holy God: you are present in all time and place: we pray to you for the universal Church, and her mission of reconciling us to you and one another.

***All:* Guide our hearts in the way of love and truth, for your name's sake.**

Oh Jesus, Prince of Peace: we seek your grace to heal the nations of the world. May those in authority learn to affirm the dignity of the human family. We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For economic development in depressed portions of the city; for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

***All:* Make us instruments of your peace, and channels of your grace.**

Incarnate and Living Christ: we pray for the needs of the world, remembering that you, yourself, embody empathy and solidarity with those who suffer. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Frank, Jane, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Karen, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Julette, Marsha, David, Samantha, Bill, Jane, Corey, Karen, Kathy, Florence, Terry, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Becca and her family, Don, Norma, Betty, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Candace, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David, Ginny, Ronnie, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Garry, Gloria, Rick, Amy, Kristy, Martha, Randi, Marion, Hollis, and Donna.

***All:* Help us to walk in love with all your children.**

Blessed Spirit: you rain down your gifts of unity and diversity across the spectrum of the human family. We pray especially for those who have been marginalized for their bodies, cultures, and inherent personhood.

***All:* Strengthen us to build bridges of understanding, and advocate for beloved community.**

Eternal Wisdom: in you all things are made new. We pray for those who have died.

***All:* Enliven our hope, and lead us in faith, upon the path of Christ Jesus, and the saints in light.**

Holy Trinity: you are the source of relational love. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, remembering those celebrating birthdays, especially Asher, Cooper, Hunter, Barb, and Mike, and those celebrating anniversaries.

***All:* May our lives be a reflection of your love in the world.**

Concluding Collect

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All: God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. **AMEN.**

The Absolution

Presider: 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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please stand as you are able. All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table



SCAN ME TO DONATE

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)

Summer Hymn Series

Each week for our Offertory Hymn, we will be revisiting and singing together new-to-us hymns and dusted-off favorites which have featured in our worship over the past year. More information about each weekly selection is printed at the end of the bulletin.

Offertory

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Glory to God 726

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(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 3 *(from Enriching Our Worship Volume One)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Powell

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. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The Communion Vessels



The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace” in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or “host”), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Mark and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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,
forever and ever. AMEN.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

Powell

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

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion: *ALL are welcome to share in Communion.*

Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the rail you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice. If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher
and the clergy will bring communion to you.

Communion

O Sacrum Convivium

Robert Parker

Translation of the Latin:

O sacred banquet! In which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: 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.

The Blessing

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 - er -
 4 light - eth, 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 more 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 Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata in D

Flor Peeters

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The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

Summer Hymn Series Selection: A note from Amos: “Will you come and follow me” has been an Episcopal hymn since 1997’s Wonder, Love, and Praise. Unfortunately, the editors paired the text with a dreadful melody, so nobody in our denomination sang it. Meanwhile, everyone else has been singing it joyfully to a much more fitting tune for nigh on 30 years, a melody which is a better tonal match, aligns naturally with the poem’s lilting iambs, and is the melody we will be singing this morning.

Christ is the speaker in verses 1-4, and though these are not direct quotes, they are all solidly scriptural: “Will you care for cruel and kind” (Matthew 4:44-45), “Will you kiss the leper clean” (Matthew 8:1-4, figuratively interpreted), “...and do such as this unseen” (Matthew 6:3-4), “Will you love the you you hide” (Psalm 139).

After singing four verses of Christ’s challenges to us, we become the respondent in verse 5: “In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.”

“Will you love the you you hide” is particularly reaching me at the moment; we all find faults with ourselves and struggle to love ourselves as we are - this is, of course, the precise opposite of God’s love. However, in our current hyper-politicized environment, this phrase about self love activates my compassion and concern more for others than for myself. Dip a toe into right wing media some time, and you will quickly see that transgender people are being directly targeted this election cycle; cynical politicians who see an exploitable division are telling them that they shouldn’t exist, that they should hide who they are.

I’m saddened by this situation, and I pray that it will pass soon, but I am proud to be able to sing this hymn today with the people of St. Mark’s, where love is our tradition.

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Parishioners: Frank von Richter, Jane Settle, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Karen Franklin, Keith MacKay, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Robin Goodman, Carole Shahda, Mike Oliver, Steve Row, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Julette Iverson, Marsha Iverson, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, and Bill Piercy.

Our extended family and friends: Jane, Corey Sims, Karen Sokohl, Kathy Treaster, Florence, Terry Brown, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Becca and her family, Don Foltz, Norma Hylton, Betty Kuhn, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Candace Franco, Lee Hyden (Anne Kambourian's daughter), the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ginny Jones, Ronnie, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Garry Land, Gloria Wiley, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Martha, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, Hollis Daniels, and Donna Raubenstine.

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Asher Tooley, Cooper Francis, Hunter Marie Boschen, Barb Dawson, and Mike Kilbourne.

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Those who have died:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Continuing Care Communities within the Diocese and their residents.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For economic development in depressed portions of the city; for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

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Scott Pennington, Sr. Warden, **Property Team Liaison**

Paul Shane, **Finance Team Liaison**

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Gaye Frugard, **Outreach Team Liaison**

Kate Williams, Jr. Warden, **Stewardship Team Liaison**

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Beth Wentworth

Bill Martin

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Annette Spanel, **Pastoral Care**

Beth Wentworth, **Education**

Fred Crowley, **Parish Life**

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Ed Street, **Outreach**

Suzanne Long, **Evangelism**

Penny Adams, **Justice and Advocacy**

Shared Ministry:

Suzanne Long, **Interim-Finance**

Wes Kaufman & Dee Whitlow, **Audit**

Howard Pugh, **Stewardship**

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Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the “Welcome” card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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