



St Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

love is our tradition

**The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 14, 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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1 Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - ge - ther, come, let us
 2 Hear - ing God's word, heed - ing the mes - sage, come and re -
 3 Bear - ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us
 4 Wo - men and men, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the

sing on this glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad
 joy as we an - swer the call. With one ac - cord,
 share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend - ing all rifts,
 cho - rus in lov - ing ac - cord. Rais - ing a - gain

praise to the Mak - er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray.
 made in God's im - age, come in com - mu - ni - ty, wel - com - ing all.
 heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.
 thanks ne - ver end - ing, come to the God who is Wis - dom and Word.

Refrain

Come, let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance,
 prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

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

"The peace may be exchanged"

Dan Locklair

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 109 (*Voices Found*)

People of God

Earth and All Stars

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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: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

(Please be seated)

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.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Elizabeth Kyser

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

Domini est terra

Cantor: Lift up your heads, O gates, and the King of glory shall come in.

Cantor and Congregation:



Cantor:

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

Cantor and Congregation:



Cantor:

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Cantor and Congregation:



Cantor:

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Cantor and Congregation:



A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1:3-14

Don Kyser

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 232

By all your saints still thriving

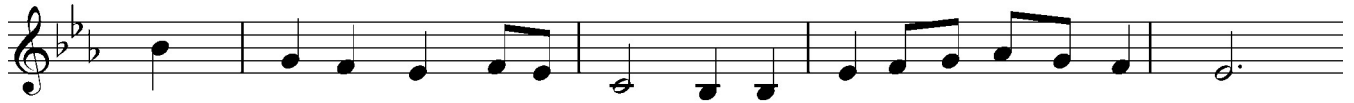
Nyland



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,

2 SEE BELOW

3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.

and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter-nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown

till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen-dor re - flect-ed from your throne.

a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Verse 2

All praise for John the Baptist,
forerunner of the Word,
Our true Elijah, making
a highway for the Lord.
The last and greatest prophet,
He saw the dawning ray
of light that grows in splendor
Until the perfect day.



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

Mark 6:14-29

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett



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 VI

Beth Wentworth

Intercessor: In Peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work.

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

For this community, the nation, and the world. We pray for the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Boards of Supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and government employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, Petersburg, and Hopewell.

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

For the just and proper stewardship of God's creation.

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

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

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Sean our Presiding Bishop Elect, for Mark and Gayle our bishops, for Diocese of Virginia Conference Centers: Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs and Roslyn, Richmond; for all our staff, Vestry and Ministry Teams.

All: For all who serve in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially: Bobbie, Keith, Jo, Mike, Fred, Karen, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Julette, Marsha, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Becca and her family, Don, Norma, Betty, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Versann, Candace, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, the Dykes Family, Sandra, Ceily, Wanda, Elizabeth and David, Wayne, Clair, Ginny, Ronnie, Caroline, Bianca, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, Alice, Garry, Will, Robin, Denise, Gloria, Henry, Gene, Karen, Rick, Amy, the Henderson family, Kristy, Martha, Randi, Marion, Hollis, and Donna.

Silence

Please add your own petitions either aloud or silently.

Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Jacob, Jerry, Dale, and Scott, and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Jerry and Dolores, Steve and Jackie, and Michael and Margaret.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King.

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them.

All: Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

**All: Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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.

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.

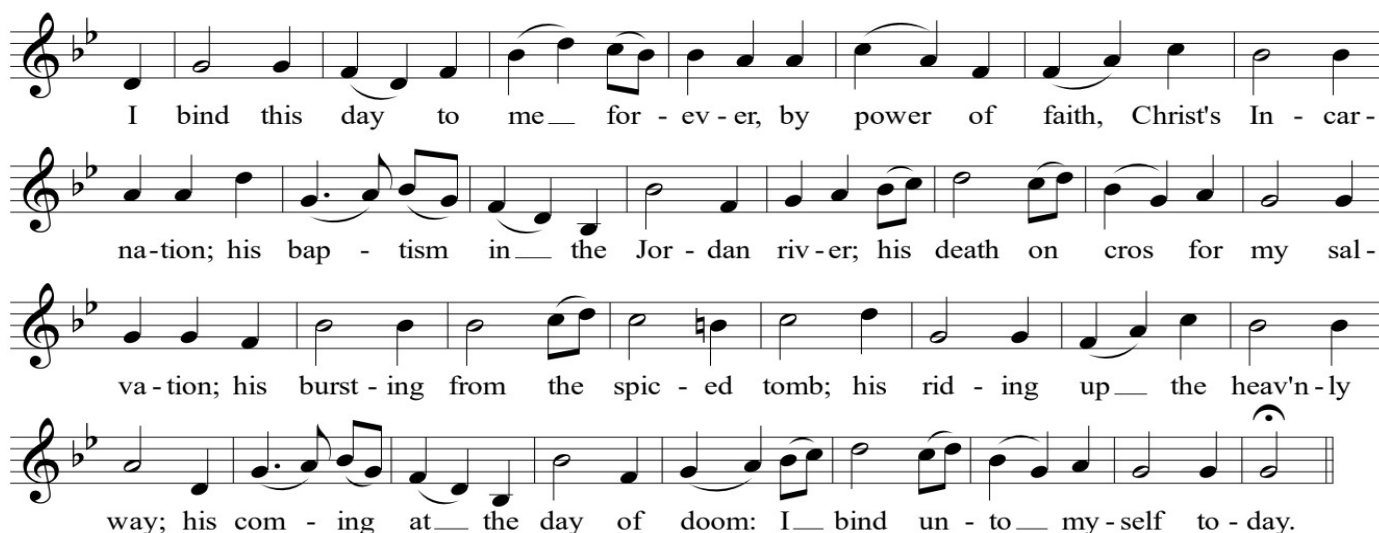
Offertory

"I bind unto myself"

All voices (unison)



Low voices (Tenor/Bass)



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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.

Offertory, continued

“I Bind myself”

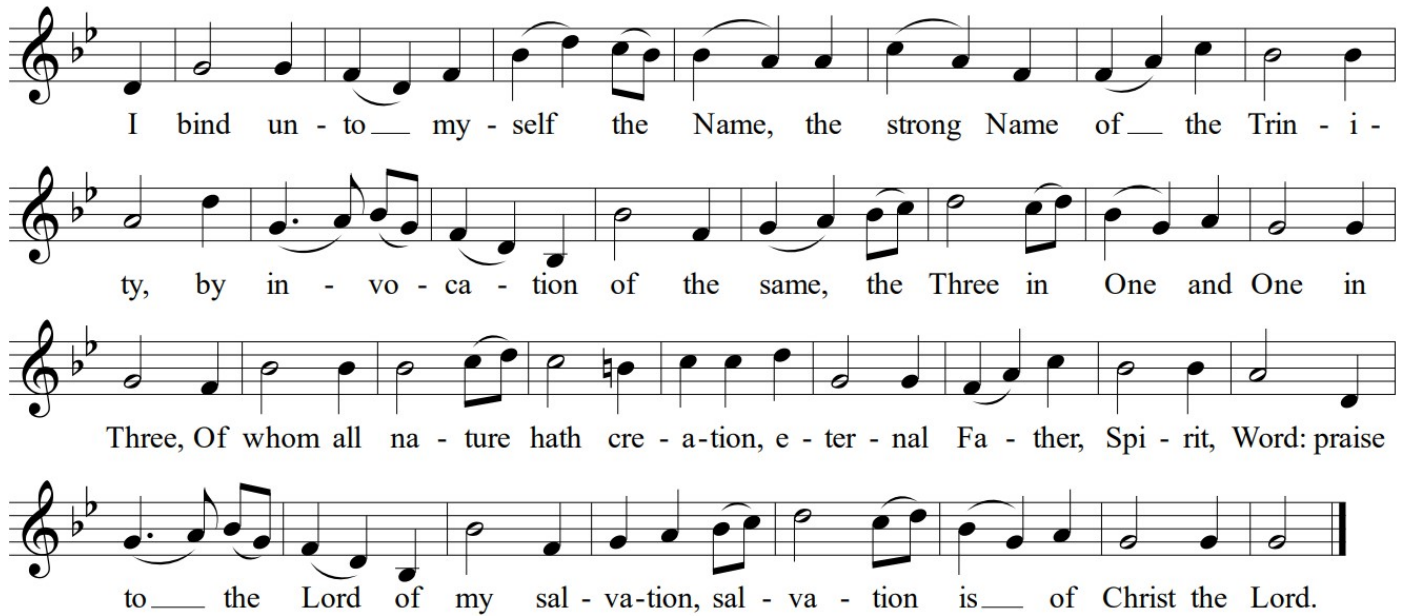
High voices (Soprano/Alto)

I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues of the star - lit heav-en the
glo - rious sun's life - giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at
ev-en; the flash - ing of the light-ning free, the whirl-ing wind's tem - pes-tuous shocks, the
sta - ble earth, the deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.

All voices (in parts)

Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-
Christ be-neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger, Christ in
side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re-store me
hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang - er.

All voices (unison)



I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name of the Trin - i -
ty, by in - vo - ca - tion of the same, the Three in One and One in
Three, Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise
to the Lord of my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

(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.*

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All: By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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. _____

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
All: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers in faith: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

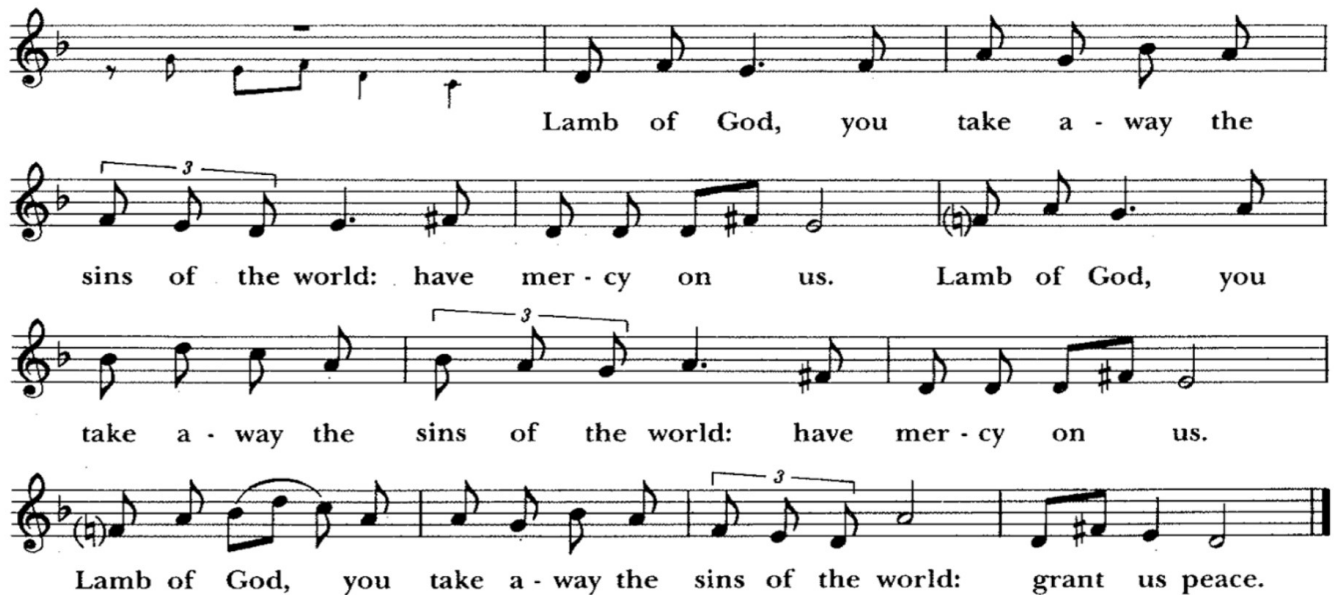
Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.



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

"Parce Domine"

Text: attr. St. Ambrose

Music: Charles Gounod

French: O divin Redempteur, pardonne a ma faiblesse. Dans le secret des nuits je repandrai mes pleurs, je meurtrirai ma chair sous le poids du cili ce; et mon coeur, altere du sanglant sacrifice, benira de ta main, les clementes rigueurs! O divin Redempteur, pardonne a ma faiblesse. De la justice vengeresse Detourne les coups, mon Sauveur!

English translation: O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry! Save, in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God!

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

Hymn 134 (*Voices Found*)

Join us, Christian Children

St. Gertrude

1 Join us, Chris-tian chil - dren help us as we sing
 2 Help us, Chris-tian chil - dren lis - ten while we pray
 3 Fol - low, Chris-tian chil - dren on our path of love
 4 Teach us, Chris-tian chil - dren; seek the Way; be true

of the love of Je - sus let our bright song ring.
 "O'er the earth's whole sur - face give us peace to - day,
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit reign-ing from a - bove,
 to the love of Je - sus, he who died for you.

Yes, Christ died to save us, died to make us free
 strength to do your bid - ding, joy for one and all,
 Christ who wept for each of us, saints of long a - go,
 Find your faith and, do - ing that, lead us, show us, too,

mas - ter as a ser - vant, — serve him faith - ful - ly.
 God's grace hope and vi - sion — wis - dom from the fall."
 and, to - day, we, too, the saints, who strive to see, to know.
 set us on the Way to Christ: God's Word be - longs to you.

Refrain

Join us, Chris-tian chil - dren help us as we sing

of the love of Je - sus let our bright song ring.

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praeludium in F minor, BWV 534

J. S. Bach

Summer Hymn Series Selection: A note from Amos: Different regions and parishes have their own musical traditions pertaining to which hymns are allowed at which occasions. At a previous parish, I was sternly admonished that "Amazing Grace" was never to be sung outside of a funeral service. Likewise, growing up in the Methodist church, we regularly sang "O perfect love" (Voices Found #140) as a Sunday morning hymn; only now, looking back, do I see that the text was intended for a Marriage ceremony ("...that theirs may be the love which knows no ending / whom thou forevermore dost join in one.") Oops!

So it is with St. Patrick's Breastplate ("I bind unto myself today"); I had understood from multiple previous parishes that this hymn is specifically reserved for the Ordination of a Priest. The text supports this categorization, written in the voice of an ordained clergyman at risk from violence during his 5th Century years of missionary work in Ireland, his prayer for protection from, among other things, the "spells of women and smiths and druids." Yes, Patrick believed the druids possessed supernatural powers. Women, too.

Recently, however, I found out that "I bind myself" has been a regular favorite here at St. Mark's, sung more as a general recognition of the protection and guidance of the Holy Trinity than as a specific meditation on the life and call of the Priesthood, so I am glad to cast aside my previous view of it as a Special Occasion hymn, and to place St. Patrick's Breastplate back into the regular rotation of Sunday songs. The expansive hymn, comprising seven double-length verses, is vocally exhausting, requiring excellent breath support and endurance, so I've shortened it to five verses, alternating voices to give rest to the singers. It is cliché to describe a melody as "stirring," but I'm at a loss for a more apt description of Charles Villiers Stanford's excellent musical setting.

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Those celebrating birthdays: especially Jacob Credle, Jerry Ramiza, Dale Smith, and Scott Pennington.

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Jerry and Dolores Ramiza, Steve Row and Jackie Bitler, and Michael and Margaret Franklin.

Those who have died:

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