



# St Mark's

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### love is our tradition

**The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 23, 2024 Rite 2 Year B**

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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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At Pentecost, God's promised Spirit enters into the church and empowers it to know and do God's will. Now the people of faith can be a sign and witness to what God has done in Christ, namely, established God's reign of justice and peace. On this holy day we are made aware of our vocation to be a community of faith in which God's reconciling power is made present, conscious and active in our lives, that we might be the body of Christ, God's reconciling presence in the world to the end that all people are restored to unity with God and each other in Christ.

— John Westerhoff

### **Basic Liturgics**

**Liturgy:** "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

**Eucharist:** The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

### **The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:**

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

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|------------------------------------|--|
| (1) The Liturgy of the Word        | (2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table |
| - The Gathering Rite               | - The Offertory                                    |
| - The Lessons & Sermon             | - The Eucharistic Prayer                           |
| - The Creed                        | - The Lord's Prayer                                |
| - The Intercessions and Confession | - The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread        |
| - The Peace                        | - Holy Communion                                   |
|                                    | - The Post-Communion Prayer                        |
|                                    | - Blessing and Dismissal                           |

### **Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:**

*Celebrant, Presider, Officiant:* A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

*Deacon:* A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

*Crucifer:* Someone who carries the processional cross.

*Acolyte:* Literally this means "torch-bearer."

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

*Book-bearer:* The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

*Preacher:* A person who gives a sermon or homily.

*Lector:* A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

*Intercessor:* A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

*Oblation-bearers:* Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

*Ushers:* Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

*Greeters:* Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

*Altar Guild:* The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

*Floral Guild:* Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

## 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

*Jesus, lead thou on*

setting by Paul Manz

### A Word of Welcome

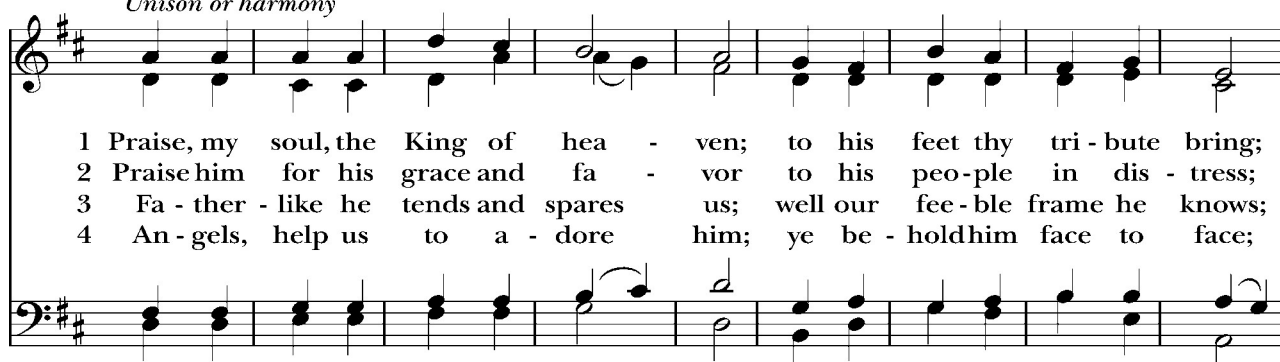
*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Hymn 410** (1982 Hymnal-Blue Book)

*Praise, my soul, the king of heaven*

*Lauda anima*

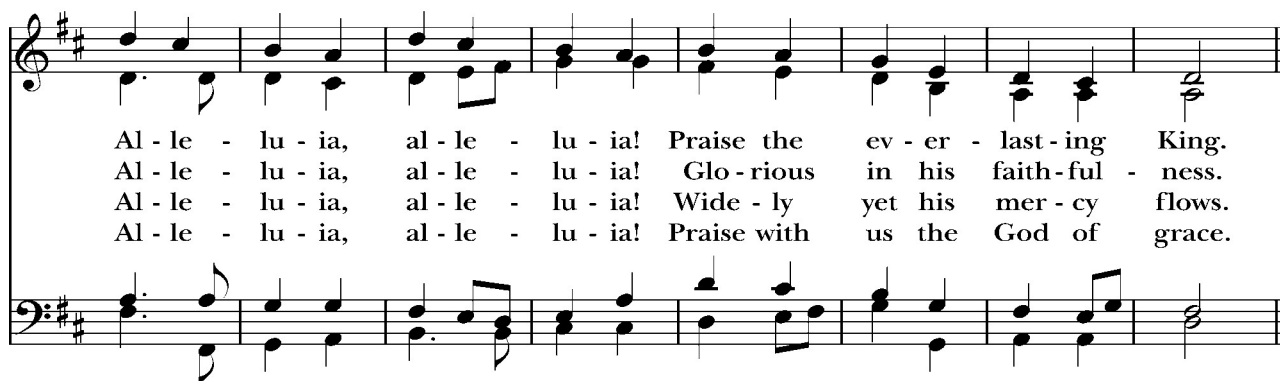
*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).  
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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.

## Gloria in excelsis

Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

## 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 Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Presider:* O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*(Please be seated)*

### The Lessons

#### A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

*1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16*

Carter Strite

On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

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

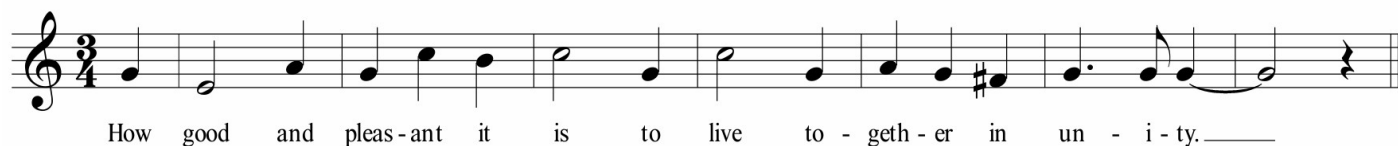
**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 133

*Ecce, quam bonum!*

Cantor: How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity

### Congregation and Cantor:



Cantor:

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

### Congregation and Cantor:

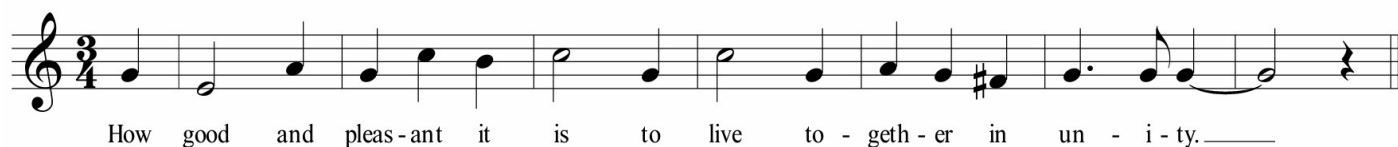


Cantor:

4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

### Congregation and Cantor:



As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om  
 2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on  
 3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest  
 thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and  
 sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,  
 com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;  
 pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the  
 all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
 free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.  
 fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.  
 in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1783), alt. Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903).





## 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 4:35-41*

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

*Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.*

*(Please be seated)*

## The Sermon

Karen Hardison  
Worship Committee Chair



## 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**

Jennifer McCauley

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

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* For all people in their daily life and work. We pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For the victims of violent crime and for those who perpetuate violent crime. For situations and institutions that condone, promote, or encourage violent behaviors.

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

For this community, the nation, and the world.

**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 The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, and all those participating in The Episcopal Church's General Convention; 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. We pray for those who are ill or recovering, especially: Bobbie, Keith, Jo, Mike, Fred, Karen, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Julette, Marsha, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, Becca and her family, Don, Norma, Betty, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Allen, Aida, Versann, Candace, Jerome, 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 Anne, Pam, and Bill, and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Scott and Michael, and David and Kristin.

*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

## 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 in the Announcements section of the bulletin.

**Offertory, Hymn 35** (*Voices Found*)  
**Verse 1: Cantor**

*Star-child, earth-child*  
**Verse 2-5: Cantor and Congregation**

*Star-child*

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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, Hymn 35 (*Voices Found*)

*Star-child, earth-child*

*Star-child*

Verse 1: Cantor

Verse 2-5: Cantor and Congregation

1 Star - child, earth - child, go - be - tween of God,  
 2 Street child, beat child, no place left to go,  
 3 Grown child, old child, mem - ory full of years,  
 4 Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more,  
 5 Hope - for - peace child, God's stu - pen - dous sign,

love child, Christ child, hea - ven's light - ning rod,  
 hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,  
 sad child, lost child, sto - ry told in tears,  
 wise child, faith child, know - ing joy in store,  
 down - to - earth child, star of stars that shine,

## Offertory, Hymn 35 Continued

*Refrain*

This year, this year, let the day ar - rive, when

Christ-mas come for ev - ery - one, ev - ery - one a - live!

*(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.

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.

## 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**

*Then shall the righteous shine forth (from "Elijah")*

Felix Mendelssohn

Then shall the righteous shine forth  
As the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.  
Joy on their head shall be for everlasting,  
And all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever.

## 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 381

*Thy strong word cleave the darkness*

*Ton-y Botel*



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own  
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,  
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

*The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.*

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## The Dismissal

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

*All:* Thanks be to God.



## 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.

### Postlude

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

setting by Paul Manz

### Summer Hymn Series Selection: Star-child, earth child

A note from Amos: This week's hymn, "Star-child, earth-child," is one we first sang together in December 2023 at the conclusion of the Children's Christmas Pageant. It's absolutely also a hymn for adults, however, and fine poetic and melodic writing, to boot. The angels started the practice of "nicknaming" Jesus: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, etc. The early church followed suit with the "O Antiphons," which we moderns sing in altered form as "O come, O come, Emmanuel": Key of David, Root of Jesse's Stem, Radiant Dawn, etc. "Star-child, earth-child" chooses its nicknames interestingly (quirkily?), presenting the most pedestrian of monikers - often ones with secular connotations - yet ones which reward further, deeper contemplation. We associate a "love child" with the scandalous end of a politician's career, yet Christ was indeed a child of Love. "Lightning rod"? Yes, Jesus was controversial, but lightning rods also channel energy from heaven to earth, right? "Down to earth child," "stupendous sign," etc. - each of these are worth an extra moment's linger.

I interpret verses one and five as describing Christ (the "star-child" half of the hymn's title), and the inner verses us (the "earth-child[ren]" half). Shirley Erena Murray's poem pairs beautifully with Carlton Young's melody, both of which present to the cursory glance as children's fare, but each of which runs a bit deeper than first impression.

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Those celebrating birthdays: especially Anne Kambourian, Pam Dummitt, and Bill Martin.

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Scott Pennington and Michael Solberg, and David and Kristin Herman

Those who have died:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, and all those participating in The Episcopal Church's General Convention.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For the victims of violent crime and for those who perpetuate violent crime. For situations and institutions that condone, promote, or encourage violent behaviors.

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