St Mark's EPISCOPAL CHURCH love is our tradition

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 6, 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

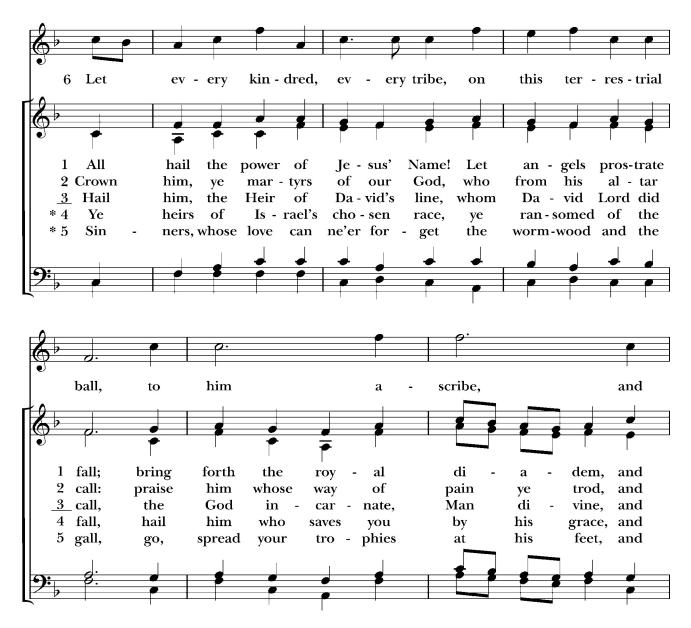
Alla Sarabande from Phantasy Quintet Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Henry Ley

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able) Hymn 450 (Blue Book)

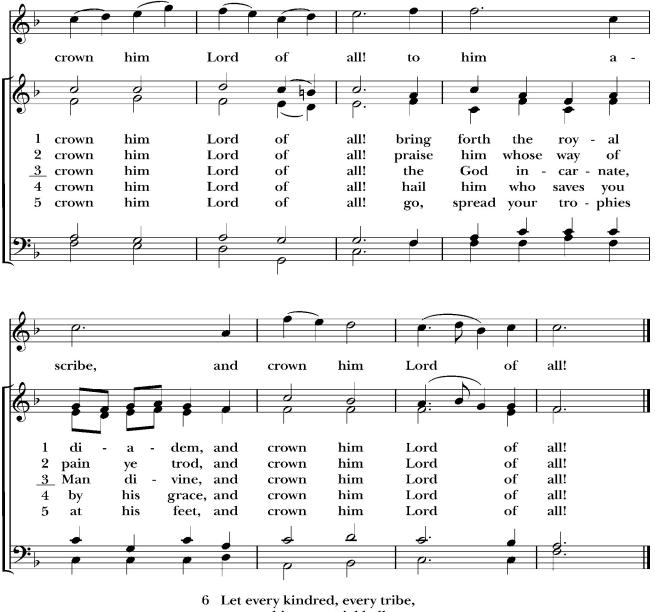
All hail the power of Jesus' name

Coronation



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All hail the power of Jesus' name



on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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



The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

The Lectern



(Please be seated) **The Lessons**

A Reading from the Book of Job

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.

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Isabel Tucker

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

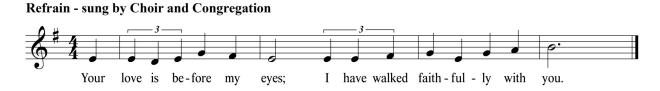
So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. *All:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26 (All Sing Together)

Judica me, Domine



Psalm tone - chanted by Choir and Congregation



Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with in-*tegrity;* I have trusted in the Lord and have not *faltered.* Test me, O Lord, and *try me;* examine my heart and my *mind.*

For your love is before my <u>eyes;</u> I have walked faithfully <u>with you.</u> I have not sat with the <u>worthless</u>, nor do I consort with the de-<u>ceitful.</u>

[REFRAIN]

I have hated the company of <u>evildoers;</u> I will not sit down with the <u>wicked.</u> I will wash my hands in innocence, O <u>Lord</u>, that I may go in procession round your <u>altar</u>,

Singing aloud a song of thanks-<u>giving</u> and recounting all your wonderful <u>deeds.</u> Lord, I love the house in which you <u>dwell</u> and the place where your glory a-<u>bides.</u>

[REFRAIN]

Do not sweep me away with <u>sinners</u>, nor my life with those who thirst for <u>blood</u>, Whose hands are full of evil <u>plots</u>, and their right hand full of <u>bribes</u>.

As for me, I will live with in-<u>tegrity;</u> redeem me, O Lord, and have <u>pity on me.</u> My foot stands on level <u>ground;</u> in the full assembly I will bless the <u>Lord.</u>

[REFRAIN]

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. *All:* Thanks be to God.



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The Pulpit



The Gospel

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Mark. 10:2-16

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.

Prayers of the People

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 public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers. For partnerships between the church and other institutions serving the needy.

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: the Tucker family, Jerry, Kenneth, Garry, Frank, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Mike, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Juette, Marsha, David, Samantha, Bill, Suzanne, Susan, Cynthia, Barbara, 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, Gloria, Rick, Amy, Kristy, Martha, Randi, Marion, and Hollis. *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 Errol, Benjamin, Kayla, Graham, Trudy, Sue, and Rose, and those celebrating anniversaries, especially Carlos and Margaret, Glenn and Linda, and Mary Kristen and Will.

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 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)

Offertory

O Saviour of the World Text: Salvator mundi, salve nos (7th Century Roman Canon) Music: Sir John Goss

SCAN to DONATE

O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

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. Old Hundredth

The Communion Vessels

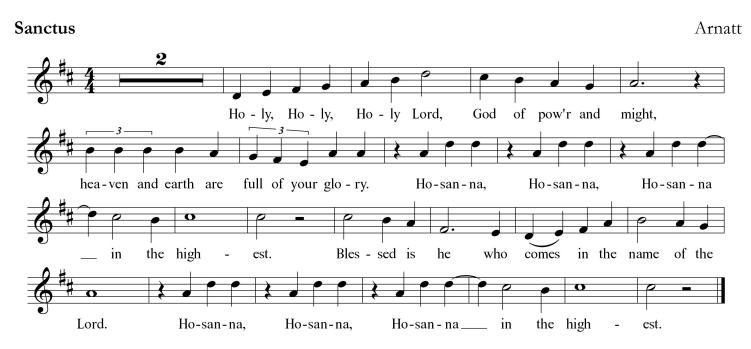
The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace" in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread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

(Please stand as you are able) The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2 (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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):



(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_______ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

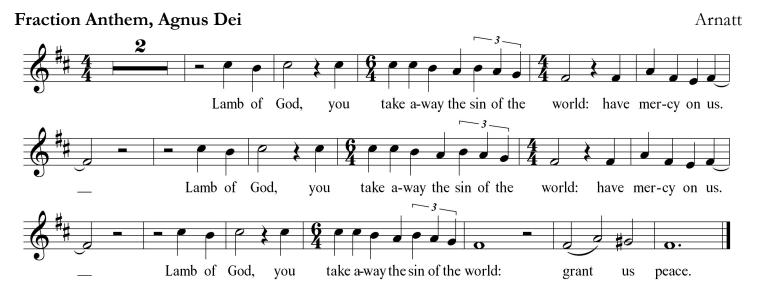
The Lord's Prayer

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

InionThe gift of loveHal HopsonThe Unretired Choir (current and retired members of the St. Mark's Chancel Choir)

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

The Ambry



Hymn 376 (Blue Book)

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.



The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God In Memory of Dale Salyers and Phoebe Davis By Their Friends and Family

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

<u>Parishioners</u>: the Tucker family, Jerry Long, Kenneth Decker, Garry Land, Frank von Richter, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Keith MacKay, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Robin Goodman, Mike Oliver, Steve Row, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Juette Iverson, Marsha Iverson, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, and Bill Piercy.

<u>Our extended family and friends:</u> Suzanne, Susan, Cynthia, Barbara Taylor, 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, Gloria Wiley, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Martha, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

<u>Those celebrating birthdays:</u> especially Errol Somay, Benjamin Badgett, Kayla Evans, Graham Johnson, Trudy McCarty, Sue Heady, and Rose Brinson.

<u>Those celebrating anniversaries:</u> especially Carlos Savory and Margaret Bradley, Glenn and Linda Strickland, and Mary Kristen and Will DeBord.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregations and clergy of St. Thomas, Orange

<u>Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers. For partnerships between the church and other institutions serving the needy.

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All are Welcome Here

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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