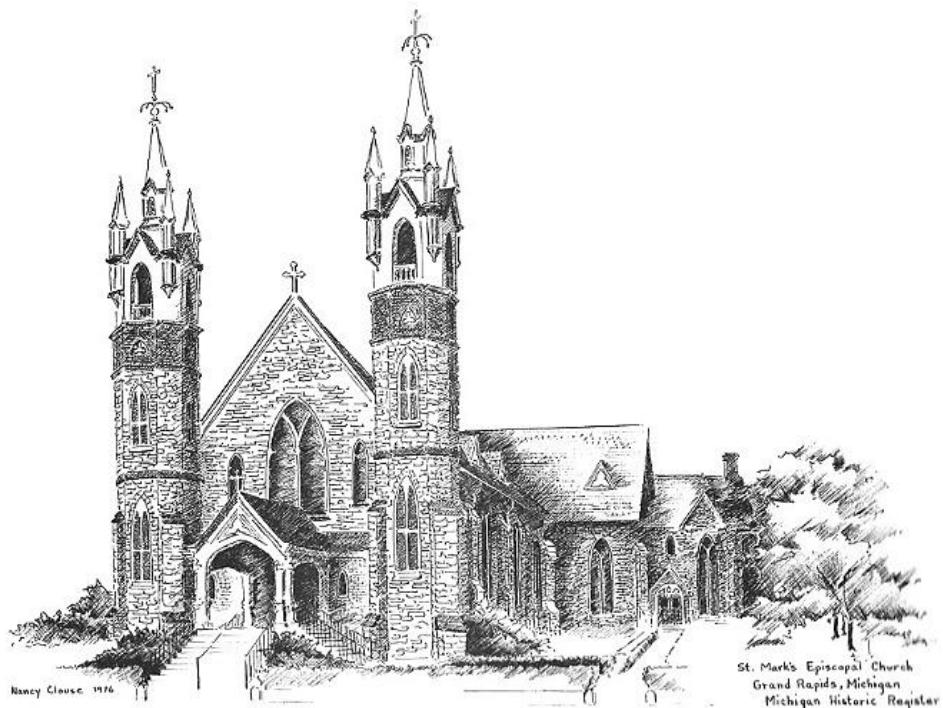


The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
134 N. Division Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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Welcome to St. Mark's!

... a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest sign-in sheet in the foyer and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card. Also, please take a welcome folder on the Welcome Desk.

Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday— 9 a.m. to noon.

Weather Policy: St. Mark's will post closures to WZZM 13, WOOD TV8, Facebook and our website by 7:00 a.m. or as soon as possible. The decision on afternoon and evening activities will be made separately, posted by noon.

Reserved Accessible Spaces: Note, there are three designated spaces for those with assistive devices or in need of extra space, two in the north transept and one on the north side of the nave. Please, leave those spaces available and the adjoining pews for family members.

Safety: The outer doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize. Please, pay attention to the nearest exit in the Sanctuary. An announcement will be made in case of an emergency. Children will be ushered out of the building to a designated place for safety away from the Church complex.

Parking on Sundays: Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. If you are able, please, consider not parking in the Parish Lot to reserve access for those less mobile. Please, consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the Kendall Lot across the street when the gate is up, the upper levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street, and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: vouchers for free parking on Sundays are available from an Usher, a Greeter or on the Resource Table in the north transept (must be used along with original parking ticket).

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. Additional rest rooms are located on the second level of the Parish House; those able to use stairs are encouraged to use upper-floor restrooms.

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Eucharist on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon from September through May. Compline (Night Prayer) on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. All are always welcome!

Children's Ministry: Sundays, we offer children's formation during 10:30 services. This includes formation, nursery care and church school. Please contact the church office.

Youth Ministry: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adult Formation Ministry: *Adult Forums* are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at different times of the year. *Episcopal 101: An Inquirer's Journey* is offered yearly for adults especially those seeking Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church or to Reaffirm one's faith. A multi-year seminar, *Education for Ministry* (EFM), is offered during the program year. Please, contact Doug Karsen for more information at karsendc@gmail.com.

Breakfast Café Ministry: A program to nourish our neighbors with a hot meal, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information and to possibly volunteer, please contact Judy Freeman at judyfw@comcast.net.

Land Acknowledgment: St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the indigenous people of the Three Fires. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds created many years ago by our forebears.

St. Mark's eNews: For the fullest expression of St. Marks' activities, see the weekly eNews in your email or our website.

Cell Phones: We ask that you silence your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

St. Mark's Full-Time* and Part-Time Staff

The Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector*

The Rev. Susan York, Associate Rector

The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon

Thon Deng, Postulant for Holy Orders

Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager*

Kate Assarian, Administrative Associate*

Dr. Gregory Crowell, Director of Music

Jeff Brown, Director of Youth Ministry

Alexis VanZalen, Organ Scholar

Mike Armour, Operations Manager

Ronnie Hammond, Sexton

Craig Mosley, Sexton Associate, Video

Marquise Jackson, Weekend Sexton

Jamie Interial, Security Representative

Eric Gable, Webmaster

The Gathering of the People

Prelude — Sonata in D Major: Affettuoso-Allegro

G.F. Handel

Christopher Martin, violin; Hyesook Kim, piano

Welcome

Gathering Hymn — Blue Hymnal 525: The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

Prayer of Invocation

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

All: And blessed be God's reign now and forever. 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.

Confession and Absolution

Presider II: Let us confess our faults and admit our frailty. (A pause is observed for reflection)

All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. We lay down what is past and look to the future. We take into daily life signs of hope and healing. We reach beyond ourselves, to share the lives of others and touch the wider world.

Presider II: † May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

All: Amen.

Presider I: Let us offer praise to God.

Gloria

Frank E. White

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, He is the might-y King, mas-ter of ev'r - y thing. The cap-tain of my soul, the u - ni - verse con-trol, God is the one true ex-pression of life. He's the cre - a - tor, a great cre - a - tor, Hea - ven and earth His great-ness pro - claim. The cap-tain of my soul, the u - ni - verse con-trol, ho - nor and ma - jes - ty se-cond to none.

Collect

Presider II: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Hebrew Reading (*You may sit.*)

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Lector I: A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20

Exaudiat te Dominus

Lector I: Let us pray the Psalm responsively by half verse.

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

The Christian Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,11-13,14-17

Lector II: A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commanding ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So

if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn – Blue Hymnal 302: Father, We Thank Thee

Rendez à Dieu

The Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily (*You may sit.*)

Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector

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 (*You may stand.*)

Lector I: O God, we ask you to hear the prayers of your people gathered before you and hear our prayers with the response, "O God, hear us."

Lector I: O God, help us to be at peace within ourselves. We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, help us to accept that we are profoundly loved and need never be afraid. We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, help us to be aware that you are the common source of being to us all and to creation. We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, fill us with the presence of your great compassion for us, for all those in need, and those for whom we have promised to pray, especially remembering those on our Parish Prayer List found in the bulletin. We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, bless all bishops, priests, and deacons: Michael, Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Bonnie and Rayford, Bishops of Michigan and Northern Michigan; Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Craig, ELCA Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod. We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, bless the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan; All Saints Church of Saugatuck and its Rector, Jay Emerson Johnson. We remember the Anglican Church of Chile. We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, help us so to live that all your people may have clean air, food, water, and shelter. Give us grace to do all we can to protect and preserve your creation. We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, may we cease to be a cause of suffering for others. Help us to end violence, hatred, anger, racism and war. We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, we pray for those who have died and those who will die this day unremarked or unattended. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. (*A pause is observed while additional prayers are offered.*) We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: Let us offer additional prayers, either silently or aloud. (*A pause is observed while additional prayers are offered.*) We pray:

All: O God, hear us.

Presider II: O God, hear our prayers, and kindle within our hearts a flame of love for our neighbors, our foes, our friends, our kindred all.

All: O God of the poor and the yearning, from the humblest thing that lives to the name that is highest of all, kindle within our hearts a flame of love. Amen.

The Peace

Presider I: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider I: With respect, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Announcements

Father's Day Prayer

The Liturgy of the Table

Reception of Gifts

Offertory Music — Serenade from Five Pieces

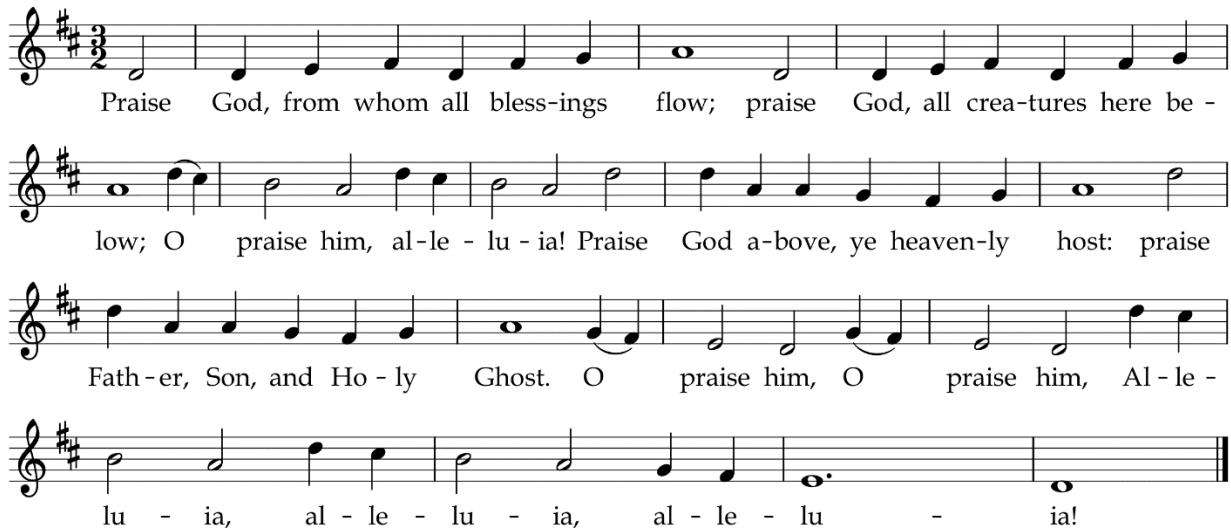
Valentin Silvestrov

Presentation Hymn

8:00 (spoken)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

10:30



The Invitation

Presider I:

Friends in Christ, the table of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became incarnate.

Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I (BCP)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

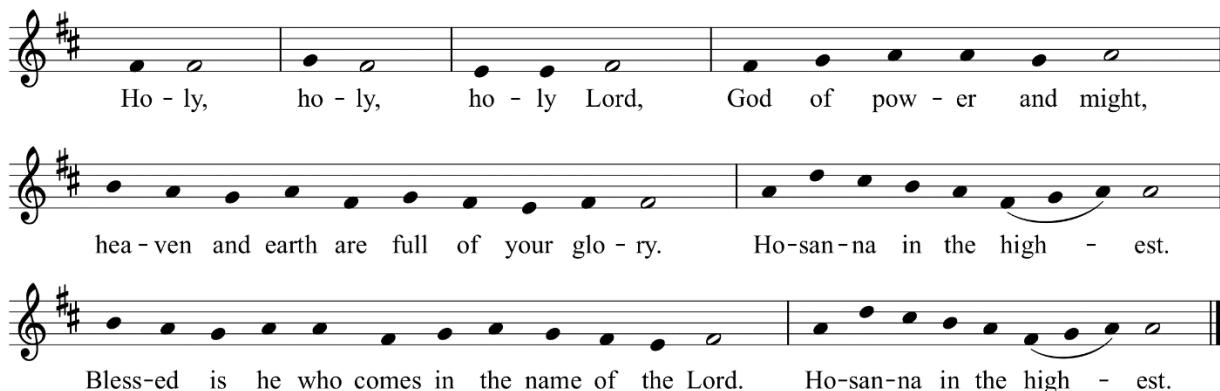
Presider: Eternal Triune God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another, to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of these gifts, and in all creation.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared through the centuries and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Therefore, we raise our voices, for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus (*Spoken or sung*)

David Hurd



Presider: Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for that life of love, the good news of your reign, and the promise of a banquet where all your children will be free.

Presider: For your gift of Christ, we praise you,

All: **we worship and adore you.**

On the night before he died, your Son, Jesus, took bread; he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Presider: For new life in Christ, we praise you,

All: **we worship and adore you.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. † Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine and upon us, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. † Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

Presider: For the peace of Christ, we praise you,

All: **we worship and adore you.**

Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider I: Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

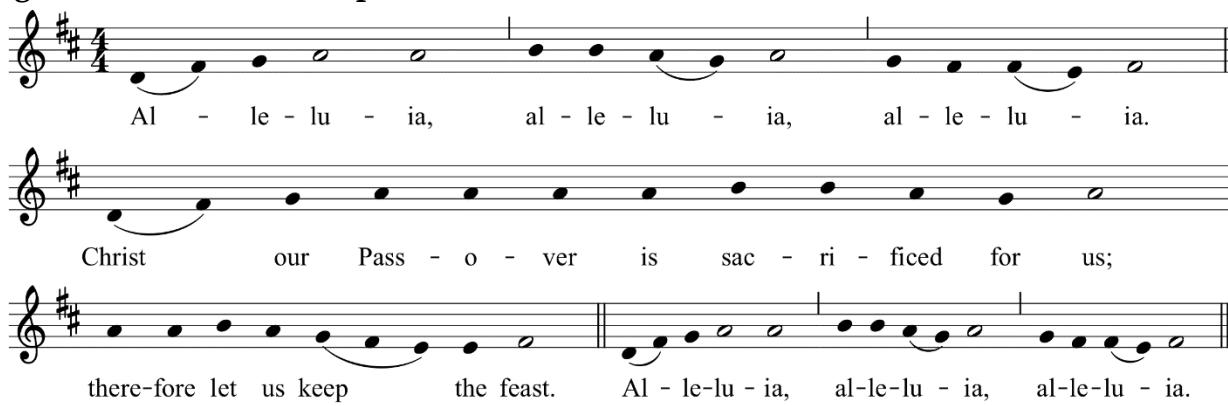
(Traditional) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Contemporary) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(Spanish) Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este dia y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament

David Hurd



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

People: Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Instruction for Receiving Communion: As is our tradition, all are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. Following the distribution of consecrated bread, please feel free to dip your host into consecrated wine offered in a cup for intinction. Gluten-free consecrated bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with hands crossed over

your chest. Please follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left. All are welcome at the Table of the Lord.

Healing Prayer: When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.

Post-Communion Prayer (You may stand.)

Presider II: Let us pray:

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider I: May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of God's hand. And may God bless us, †Father, Son and Holy Spirit this day and forever more, we pray:

All: Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth – Blue Hymnal 657: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Sending Forth

Priest or Deacon: Our Worship has ended – now our Service begins.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude – Fugue in F Minor

J.L. Krebs

Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in the St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended. Then join us in the Parish Hall for further fellowship.

Offerings and Multiple Ways to Give to St. Mark's

Place check or cash in the offering plate

Electronic giving (email pams@stmarksgr.org)



Vanco Mobile App from any mobile device:



Pay by text – text 616-205-9714 from your phone to send a payment

Mobile App Square Cash – Cashtag: \$stmarksgr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgr](http://cash.me/$stmarksgr)



Mail a check to the church

Online at our website at www.stmarksgr.org through PayPal

Remember St. Mark's in your Estate Planning (A brochure is available at the Welcome Desk.)

Gifts or transfer of stock

As we enter the summer months, we kindly ask for your continued support through pledges and offerings. Additionally, the financials are available for your review on the bulletin board. Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Mark's mission and ministry!

The St. Mark's Prayer List

Contact the church office to add names to the prayer list. Names may be removed after one month unless requested.

The Sick and Other Needs

David Abbott
Alissa Almont
Dave Atkinson
Jayne Austin
Ed Cox
Terry Dusendang
Ruth Hammond
Bill Isenberg
Jennifer Julius
Kathryn Marmion
Laura Maslonka
Jim, Chris McClain
Doris Molina
Bill Nasser
John Oatley
Nora Quillen and family
Chris Reale
Marilee Wexstaff

Sue Allen
Susan Andrews
Nita DeGraaf
John Gracki
Irene Haizman
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara
Roma Warmington
Jean Zylstra

In Military Service

B.G. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA
PV2. Cailen Donahue McLea, USA
Spc. Henry Dykema, ARNG
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF
Col. Lt. Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC
Col. Todd Murray, USAF

Members of the Vestry

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Darren Walhof
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Thon Deng
Cathy Stevens

Prayer for the Transition

Parish Notes

Welcome! Guests, please sign the book in the front lobby. Fill out a Welcome Card (stored inside the podium) to get a name tag, receive weekly eNews or join the St. Mark's Family in Faith as a full member.

Carnations in Honor of Father's Day are available to anyone who would like to have one. We are grateful for all fathers, grandfathers, those who father others, and our heavenly Father, Creator and Sustainer of all.

Sunday Children's Formation: There will be a brief pause in programming, but Sunday sessions will resume in a few weeks. There will be an announcement and email to parents soon with more information on timing.

Congratulations and Thank You to Jeff Brown! We're delighted that Jeff has accepted a full-time position as Director of both the Youth and Children's Ministry. Jeff just finished co-leading the Engaging GR service weekend, in time to head off with another group to Louisville, KY for a service trip and convention visit.

81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church, June 22nd–28th. Livestream options available: see eNews.

Volunteer for Pride Booth, June 22nd, noon–6:00 p.m. Come spread God's love for all people. Sign up for a time slot at the Welcome Desk or through Scot, s.gugle@comcast.net.

Update from the Rector Search Committee: The team is currently reviewing candidates for our position! As previously noted, we cannot share particulars of any candidate, but we can ask that you continue to pray for St. Mark's and each candidate during this time.

Vestry Person of the Day: If you have questions or ideas, speak with Jon Anderson at the Welcome Desk after the 10:30 a.m. Service. Representatives for the 8:00 a.m. Service are Dan McDonald and Brian Topolewski.

Is Education for Ministry (EfM) for You? EfM offers you a small, mentored group setting for college level study of our Christian tradition. EfM is for adults of any age, and no prior knowledge of scripture or theology is required. The four-year curriculum fosters spiritual growth through study, reflection, prayer and worship. It develops a theologically informed, reflective and articulate laity. The St. Mark's EfM group meets on Sundays from 12:30–2:30 p.m., upstairs in the Guild Room. Learn more from Doug Karsen on June 23rd at the 10:30 a.m. Service and Social Hour, where we will also celebrate Laura Kozminski's completion of the course.