



Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church: A Community of Grace
We embrace Christ, share the Gospel, and love like Jesus.

Holy Eucharist + June 06, 2021 + Proper 5

Welcome Home

On Facebook at 10 AM Click the link below to join the service:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland/posts/4123464604387526>

Please comply with the St. Mark's Community and Health Guidelines - even if you are fully vaccinated.

- **Maintain physical distancing of six feet or more.**
- **Wear a face mask that covers the nose and mouth.**
- **Please stay home if you are not feeling well.**

All Welcome to Hybrid Church: The Sanctuary is Open to All

Your patience, flexibility, and understanding are appreciated as we practice hybrid worship. Communion in one-kind is complete; no wine or common chalice. No congregational singing. Please be considerate of the in-spirit congregation as we use cameras and microphones. Personal mobile devices may be used. Seating in the sanctuary is limited to 45 people. Alternative seating and space are available in the parish hall and outside.

During the summer most of the music will have been pre-recorded.

Reservations

Reservations are appreciated, but do not guarantee sanctuary seating – seating is first come, first seated.

Check-In

Attendees will receive and complete a health screening questionnaire.

Seating

Ushers will direct individuals and family groups to their seats. Please let us assist you to your pew/chair.

Restrooms

To maintain physical distancing in the restrooms, we ask that only one person or household use the restroom at a time.

Hospitality

We offer a limited in-person coffee hour outside. To reduce multiple handling of shared objects such as the coffee urn, hot water dispenser, and serving utensils, please let the hospitality host serve you.

The Monarchy Narratives: The First Testament Lessons

This summer (aka Ordinary Time & the season after Pentecost) the First Testament Lessons (1&2 Samuel; 1 Kings; Song of Solomon; and Proverbs) tell the story of the monarchy focusing on King Saul, King David, and King Solomon. Join us on this fascinating journey of power, human nature, and God's Kingdom.

During the long green season after Pentecost, there are two tracks each week for First Testament readings.

The first track of First Testament readings follows major stories and themes, read mostly continuously from week to week. In Year A we begin with Genesis, in **Year B we hear some of the great monarchy narratives**, and in Year C we read from the later prophets.

A second track of readings follows the tradition of thematically pairing the First Testament reading with the Gospel reading, often typologically—a sort of foretelling of Jesus Christ's life and ministry.

From the Lectionary Page website | Credit to The Rev Dr. J. Barrington Bates

Welcome and Review of Community and Health Guidelines

Opening Voluntary

"Be Thou, My Vision"

Trad. Irish Melody
adapted, Blane Abernathy, pianist

arr. Matt Limbaugh

Please stand as you are able for the procession of the cross

Opening Hymn

"Guide me O, thou great Jehovah" 690

Cum Rhondda

Opening Acclamation

Clergy 1: Blessed be our Loving, Liberating, Life-giving God.

Reader 1: And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Clergy 1: Please join us in the Collect for Purity

Reader 1: 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.

Collect of the Day

Clergy 1: God be with you.

Reader 2: And also with you.

Clergy 1: Let us pray.

Time for silent prayer allows the community to be present to God's grace. The Collect of the Day then "collects" our individual thoughts and prayers.

Clergy 1: Together.

Reader 2: O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 for the reading of the lessons

Lessons

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During the reading of the lessons, please be aware of a word, phrase, or image that grabs your attention. Please consider adding them in the comments.

1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15; Psalm 138; Mark 3:20-35

First Testament: What word, phrase, or image grabs your attention?

Reader 3: A reading from the first book of Samuel.

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 | Confitebor tibi: What word, phrase, or image grabs your attention?

Reader 4: Please say the psalm (in unison, alternating by half/whole verse).

**¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.**

**² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**

**³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.**

**⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**

**⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

**⁶ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

**⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.**

**⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

**⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel

Gospel: What word, phrase, or image grabs your attention?

Clergy 2: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of our Savior.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher

Sermon: What word, phrase, or image grabs your attention?

Please stand as you are able for the creed

The Apostles' Creed: Presented by Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce, a Daughter of the King
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People | Form 3: Please add your prayers and petitions

Clergy 2: In peace, we pray to you, Loving God.

Reader 5: Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

All: *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

All: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

All: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Please offer your prayers, silently or aloud. When the time is right, a concluding collect is added.

Please kneel as you are able

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Clergy 2: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

When the time is right...

Clergy 2: Together.

All: *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Clergy 1: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Special Prayers

Summer is a time for blessing of all sorts including young adults in transitional life moments – moving away, entering college, job, & military.

Please stand as you are able

Peace: Please offer God's peace to those in person, in spirit, and in need

Clergy 1: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated

Announcements: Please add announcements in the comments

Please visit our website for the latest: www.stmarks-upland.org

Offertory Sentence: Many thanks for all your contributions

Clergy 1: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem

"In Remembrance of Me"

Beryl Red

Blane & Landon Abernathy

Please stand as you are able for the presentation

Doxology

Clergy 1: All things come of thee, O God.

All: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

Sursum Corda

Clergy 1: God dwells in you.

Reader 6: And also in you.

Clergy 1: Lift up your hearts.

Reader 6: We lift them to our God.

Clergy 1: Let us give our thanks to God.

Reader 6: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Please stand or kneel as you are able

Eucharistic Prayer for Summer/Creation by Kay Sylvester

Clergy 1: Blessed are you, Holy God, Gracious Love, Spirit of Life:

Blessed are you for imagining the world.

Blessed are you for the stars in their courses,

the rivers and seas,

the foundations of the mountains

and the sweep of the deserts and plains;

Blessed are you for all creatures, small and great;
Blessed are you for the breath of life, for the cycles of the seasons,
For the slow turning years;

Blessed are you for creating us to bear your image
and to live in covenant with you.
Blessed are you, divine Love; and so
we join our voices with all creation,
with those who have come before us
and with those yet to come,
to praise you in the hymn of everlasting joy:

Sanctus

Reader 6: Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Clergy 1: Holy and gracious God, you have always drawn us toward you.
You have come to us in word and fire,
in transcendent moments and ordinary days.
And when the time was right, you came to us in Jesus.
In the scandal of his birth, you chose yet again the side of the disregarded.
In his astonishing words, we hear your kingdom come.
He opened your generous banquet to friend and enemy alike.
He healed the broken, fed the hungry,
and poured living water for those who thirst.

He told the truth to set us free.
He invited us to love you with our whole being,
and to love all our neighbors as ourselves.
On the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his friends
to remember together the feast of the Passover.
He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body, given to set you free.
Do this together for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, given to set you free.
Drink it together for the remembrance of me."

We proclaim the kingdom he showed us in the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Reader 6: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Eucharistic Prayer

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ,
the holy food and drink of your kingdom of justice and love.
In these holy gifts, let us taste the promise of Resurrection.

Let your Spirit dwell in us,
that we may be made continually into your people,
the Body of Christ for the sake of the hurting world.
By Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
through the power and love of the Holy Spirit,
we pray to you, God of beauty, creation, and grace,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Clergy 1: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Reader 7 (seated w/handheld*): 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.

Fraction: The One Bread we all share is Jesus Christ no matter how or where
The consecrated Bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.

Clergy 1: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

All: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread**

The Invitation

Clergy 1: No matter who you are, who you love, what you believe or have done, you are welcome to this Holy Communion – the Gifts of God for the people of God.

The Body of Christ will be brought to you down the aisles. Please wait for the minister to go past you before consuming. The minister will not say the words of administration out loud.

Spiritual Communion: St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787

Clergy 2: A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Reader 8: My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Please stand as you are able for the prayer

St. Francis Prayer

Clergy 1: The service continues with the Prayer of St. Francis.

Reader 9: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Blessing

Mission Hymn

"Lift high the Cross"

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Crucifer

Dismissal

Please join us for fellowship and hospitality following the service in the outside area. Follow the directions of the ushers. Stay and pray as long as you wish. As you leave, please maintain safe social distancing.

Closing Voluntary

"O How I Love Jesus" Traditional Melody/arr. Matt Limbaugh Blane Abernathy, pianist

* Indicates this service only.



Thank you to the Daughters of the King who participated in today's service:

Coordinators: Kimberly Cortner & Carol Morgan

Monitors: Lisa Drew & Gail Dean

Greeters: Sue Andrews, Kathryn Barbour, Barbara Farr, Carol Nichols, & Sallie Ringle

Ushers: Rosalyn Foster, Andrea Griffin, Nancy Kinney, & Ellen Skivington

LEMS: Karin Brown, & Edwina Golightly

Crucifer: Clare Bangao

Acolytes: Kathryn Barbour & Andrea Flasher

Oblationers: Kimberly Cortner & Lisa Drew

Welcome: Gail Dean

Readers: Carol Morgan, Sue Andrews, Barbara Nalbach, Andrea Griffin, Kimberly Cortner, Lisa Drew, Marion Steese, Rosalyn Foster, & Barbara Farr

Announcements: Kimberly Cortner