

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST OCTOBER 20, 2024 - 10AM

Welcome! We're so glad to have you joining us for worship today.

saint mark's episcopal church, palo alto

Welcome to Saint Mark's

We are a community dedicated to deepening our relationship with God and embodying the Spirit of Christ through faithful expressions of love, service, compassion, and justice.

All are welcome to join in worship. During this time we ask everyone to be mindful of others' varying degrees of caution and safety needs. This service is livestreamed and recorded.

Newcomers and visitors are encouraged to fill in a Welcome Card or sign the visitor book, which will be on the welcome table. If there are things about our worship that are new to you or do not make sense, try to embrace the unfamiliarity. Consider that you are entering a conversation with God and the faithful which began centuries before we were here and will continue after we are gone. Just join in as you are, and bear with us as we are, and we will all be transformed as we go.

Please see instructions for receiving Communion on p. 17. All who seek to draw near to Christ are invited.

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Our Chancel art in this season is "Mourning Light" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity.

The artist writes of this piece: "I typically avoid painting the cross. It's a symbol that's been sanitized, commercialized, and too often branded as self-righteousness and personal victory. We often forget that it was a symbol of graphic terror, a weapon of capital punishment designed to eradicate anyone threatening the ways of empire and power. It's the equivalent of an electric chair or lynching tree. However, in this piece, I pushed myself to render this symbol with color, texture, and imagination. In doing so, I remembered that for many, the cross is a powerful image of hope, liberation, and love. Who am I to define what a symbol means or limit its scope and power? In this image, I hope I was able to capture some of the beauty and brutality of this ancient weapon-of-terror-turned-tree-of-life."

Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service for our Stewardship Brunch.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! IN BABILONE *Please stand in body or spirit.*



A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

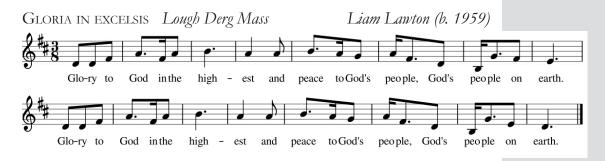
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most Merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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.**

We begin with a call to worship or acclamation.

We confess the ways in which we have fallen short of God's love, after which a priest pronounces absolution, God's forgiveness, over the people.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer. *Refrain*

An ancient song of praise, the Gloria in excelsis is traditionally sung on Sundays and Holy Days, (except during Advent and Lent).

You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Refrain*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

The Collect of the Day thematically gathers our prayers and readings for the day.

This passage is from the book of the prophet Isaiah [53:4-12], known as the "suffering servant" narrative. like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Thanks be to God.

Edward Hodges (1796-1867)



Because you have made / God your / refuge * and the / Most High . your / habi-/tation,

There shall no / evil / happen to you, * neither shall any / plague come / near your / dwelling.

For God shall give the / angels . charge / over you, * to / keep you . in / all your / ways.

They shall / bear you . in their / hands, * lest you dash your / foot a-/gainst a / stone.

You shall tread upon the / lion . and / adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the / serpent / under . your / feet.

Because you are bound to me in love, therefore will / I de-/liver you; * I will protect you be-/cause you / know my / Name.

You shall call upon me, and / I will / answer you; * I am with you in trouble;
I will / rescue you . and / bring you / honor.

With long life will I / satis-/fy you * and / show you / my sal-/vation.

We sing the psalm to Anglican chant. The / marks in the verses correspond to the bar lines in the music. Additionally, a period or hyphen is used to indicate a note change where needed. You are welcome to sing in unison or harmony.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lough Derg Mass

Liam Lawton

Please stand in body or spirit.



Today's epistle is from the anonymous letter entitled "To the Hebrews" [5:1-10]. THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON Marina Martin

A period of silent reflection follows.

This passage from Mark's **Gospel** [10:35-45] describes Jesus' teaching about discipleship.

The sermon helps us to reflect on the Scriptures we have heard and to connect them to the Good News present in our lives now.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or spirit.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

The Nicene Creed comes to us from the Councils of Nicea (325) and Constantinople (381, where they edited it). It is, therefore, an ancient statement of faith that we hold in common with many Christian denominations. As a statement of belief, that is, of communal trust (not an intellectual assertion of how these things could be), we recite it collectively as a prayer, ending with "Amen."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. As we grieve the sins of colonialism, we remember especially L'Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda and the dioceses of Kansas and Western Kansas (The Episcopal Church), Kanyakumari (South India), Kapsabet (Kenya), Karachi (Pakistan), and Karamoja (Uganda). Bless bishops, priests, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Empowering One, shepherd the Ohlone, Muwekma, and Ramaytush tribes on whose land we meet, and fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace, especially: Marie; Emily; Julie; Lydia; Gaye; Laurie; Marshela; Martin; Mark; Susie; Luke; Terri; Julia, Cat, and Ella; Camille; Anna; Cheryl; Sharon; Danielle; Roma; the others on our Prayer List; and those we name now ... God of grace, hear our prayer.

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire The Anglican communion consists of 41 autonomous provinces each with its own bishop and governing structure. These provinces may take the form of national churches (such as in Canada, Uganda, or Japan) or a collection of nations (such as the West Indies, Central Africa, or Southeast Asia).

In addition to those named aloud in the service, we continue to hold in prayer: Meredith; Will; Lee, Pam, Terry, and the Heller Family; Matthew John and Richard; Carrie; Kevin; Yo; Vassar; Chung-Ling; Barbara; Christopher; Joanie; the Knickerbocker family; Jackie Ray; Emily; Emily; Bill; Justin; Katie; Mary; Brian; Jerry; Ed and Alicia; Patrick; Ruth; Anna; Ed; David; Vicki; Molly; Jeannie and Robert; Nicholas; Elijah; Gabriel; the Piper/Chiantelli family; Trevor; Christie; Daniel.

all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all the saints who have faithfully served you. May all of our departed be now joyfully by your side, especially: Troy, Lisa, and those we name now ... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you bless us with gift upon gift, grace upon grace. Help us to see you in the messy and merciful moments of our lives. Help us to be the next surprising way you share your grace with the world: as witnesses of grace in action here at St. Mark's and beyond. In your generosity, make us more generous. In your grace, make us more graceful. In the creative, joyful, merciful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Draw us in the Sprit's tether Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the faithful used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! so knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! we will serve thee faithfully.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

In the Offertory, we offer our lives, labors, and gifts (monetary and those elements of bread and wine to be consecrated) to God's use in the world. We no longer pass an offertory (collection) plate. Please drop your donations in the plate on your way in or out today. All cash or undesignated checks given in the plate goes directly to Outreach for the wider community. You can give online: saint-marks.com/give or by going directly to Tithely with the QR Code below.



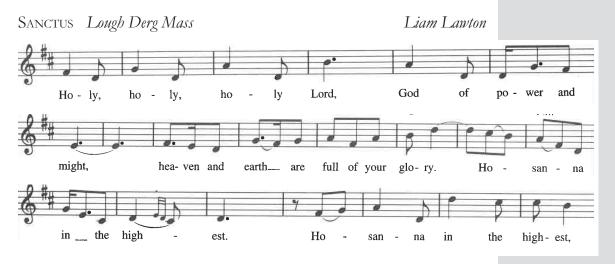
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We invite your thanksgivings, aloud, held silently in your heart, or via the chat.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Gracious God: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, in the fullness all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed in life the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will through his death and resurrection.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

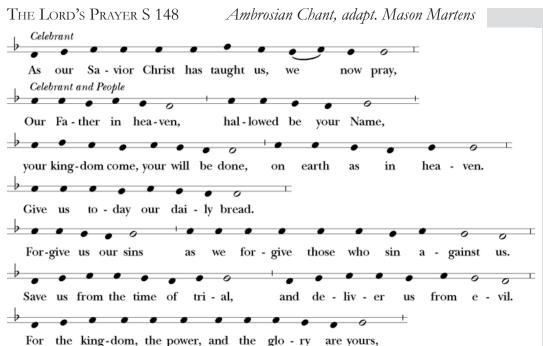
Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in glory to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your name and come to our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN**.

The Great Amen is the people's consent to and affirmation of the Eucharistic prayer.



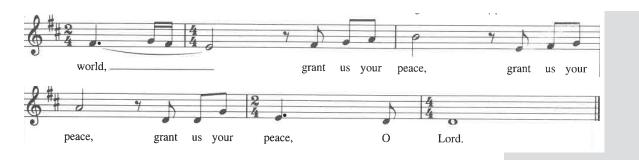
The Gospels of both Matthew and Luke record Jesus teaching this, commonly called the "Our Father" or the "Lord's Prayer," to his disciples when they asked to learn how to pray.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.





COMMUNION HYMN 602 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love **CHEREPONI**

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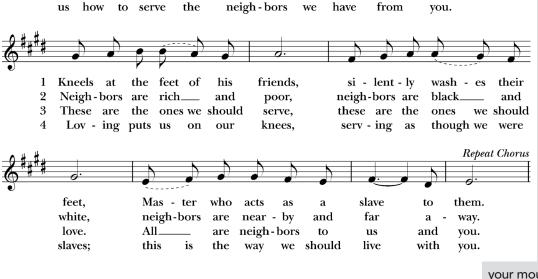
All who seek God and are drawn to

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Christ are welcome at this, Christ's table, to receive the bread and the wine, if desired. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the consecrated bread, wine (or grape juice in the glass chalice) is available to those who wish to receive it. Please drink directly from the cup, quiding it to

your mouth, and do not intinct (dip) the bread.

Healing prayer is available in St. Nicholas chapel all are welcome.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand in body or spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

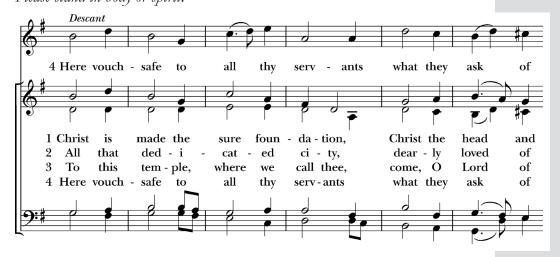
BLESSING

Please be seated.

Announcements

A blessing recognizes and asks for God's presence with us.

CLOSING HYMN 518 Christ is made the sure foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY *Please stand in body or spirit.*





Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

serving at this service

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Liturgy is the work of the people. Please prayerfully discern how you might serve, and speak with The Reverend Nancy Ross < nancy@saint-marks.com> about which ministry would be a good fit for your gifts.

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