

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST JUNE 1, 2025 - 10AM

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

ST. 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. 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. 16. All who seek to draw near to Christ are invited.

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POSTLUDE Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE

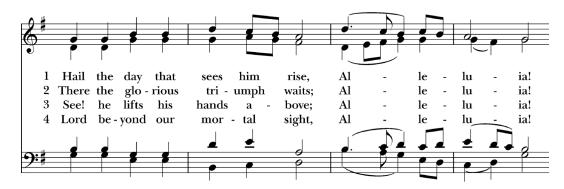
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN 214 Hail the day that sees him rise

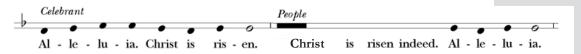
LLANFAIR

Please stand in body or spirit.





OPENING ACCLAMATION



O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

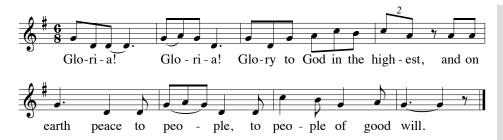


The Gloria in excelsis is an ancient song of praise traditionally sung at masses on Sundays and major feasts.

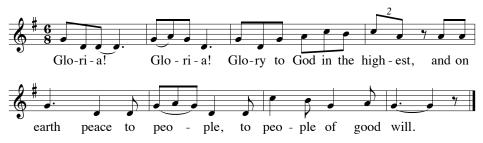
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.



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



For 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.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great

This passage is from St. Luke's second book, the Acts of the Apostles [Acts 16:16-34]. In it, he records the works of Paul and Silas. deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Thanks be to God.



You reign, O God; let the earth rejoice; * let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about you; * righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.

A fire goes before you * and burns up your enemies on every side. *Refrain*

Your lightnings light up the world; * the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at your presence, O God, * at your presence, O God of the whole earth.

The heavens declare your righteousness, * and all the peoples see your glory. *Refrain*

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! * Let all gods bow down before you.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments, O God.

For you are God, most high over all the earth; * you are exalted far above all gods. *Refrain*

You love those who hate evil; *
you preserve the lives of your saints
and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous * and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in God, you righteous * and give thanks to God's holy Name. *Refrain*

In this season the Psalm is read by the lector, with a congregational refrain.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation Mass of Plenty

Rob Glover

Please stand in body or spirit.



Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the words of everlasting life. *Refrain*

This selection is from the Revelation attributed to John the Divine [22:12-14,16-17,20-21].

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



Glo-ry to you, O Christ;

praise to you, O Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Glo-ry to you, O Christ;

praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON Lily Dodge

A period of silent reflection follows.

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.

Here the evangelist

John [17:20-26] describes Jesus' prayer for unity.

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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. We pray especially for the The Anglican Church of Korea, for Austin, our Bishop, and in our diocese for Bayview Mission. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence.



Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land.

Loving God, hear our prayer. (music above)

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Move governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy.

Loving God, hear our prayer. (music above)

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart, especially: Peter; John; Justin; Debie; Liam; Tony and Maggie; Cecile and William; Karin; all on our Prayer List; and those we name now ...

Loving God, hear our prayer. (music above)

Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. And we pray that all the departed may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially John Rangel, Matthew John (son of Molly Carroll), and those we now name ...

Loving God, hear our prayer. (music above)

The sung response to our intercessions was composed by Jeffrey MacKnight

Among those in need, we continue to hold in prayer: Meredith; Lee, Pam, Terry, and the Heller Family; Carrie; Kevin; Vassar; Chung-Ling; Jackie Ray; Emily; Bill; Justin; Mary; Jerry; Ed and Alicia; Ruth; Ed; David; Anna; Anna; Lydia; Danielle; Roma; Malin; Kathy; Walter; Yo; Joanna; Milo; the Flather family; Ellen; Ryan; Ted; Kathy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O clap your hands Ralph Vaughan Williams

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible. He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God; sing praises. Sing praises to our King; sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth. Sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen. God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-9

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

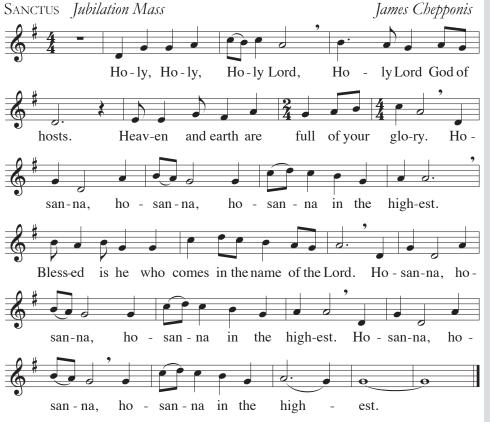
Please stand in body or spirit. We invite your thanksgivings, aloud, held silently in your heart, or via the chat.



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.



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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The Sanctus,
"Holy," is the song
of the angels (Isaiah
6 and Rev. 4). It has
been an acclamation
of the congregation
since around
the 4th century.

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

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

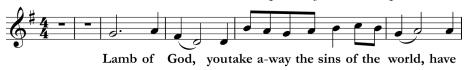
AMEN.



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

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



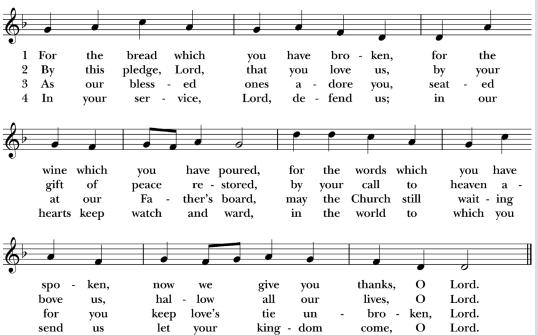


We hold silence at the breaking of the bread (the fraction) in reverence for Christ's body, broken for us and for our salvation.



All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at this, Christ's table, to receive the bread and the wine, if desired. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN 340 For the bread which you have broken BENG-LI



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, guiding 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.

Eternal God, Creator of heaven and earth, 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.

BLESSING

Please be seated.

Announcements

Please stand in body or spirit.





Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Prelude on HYFRYDOL

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The dismissal sends us out to do our work in the broader world. Alleluias are added from Easter until the Day of Pentecost.

serving at this service

FLOWER GUILD: Cheryl Miller Bread Baker: Suzanne Bell Greeters: Lena Chow, Kathy Gillam

TECH ASSISTANT: Justin Jacob

LECTORS: Jonathan Luk, Jessica Shambora

CHALICE BEARERS: Jonathan Luk, Jessica Shambora

Counters: Ron Hodges, David Kennedy

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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