



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist
September 7, 2025 - 10 a.m.

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

ST. MARK'S
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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.

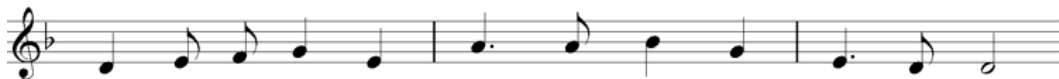
*Please see instructions for receiving Communion on pp. 16. **All who seek to draw near to Christ are invited.***

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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN 605 What does the Lord require SHARPETHORNE

Please stand in body or spirit.

1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum-bly walk with God.)



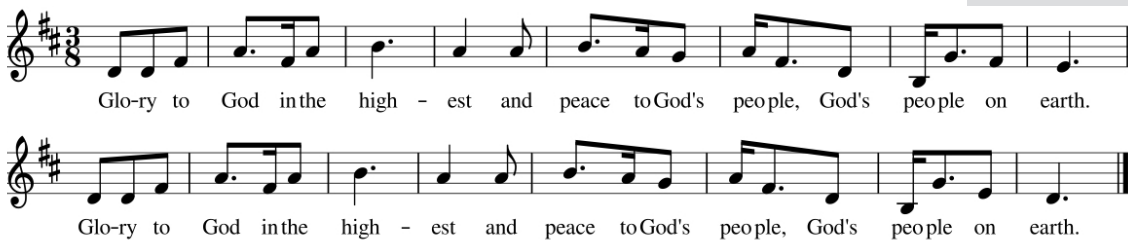
hum - bly walk with God.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Lough Derg Mass*

Liam Lawton (b. 1959)



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**

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you
always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you
never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)



Happy are they who have not walked in the / counsel . of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor / sat in . the / seats of . the / scornful
Their delight is in the / law of . the / Holy One, *
and they meditate on that / lăw / day and / night.

This passage is taken from the book of **Deuteronomy** [30:15-20], the fifth and final book of the Torah (law)—the first section of the Hebrew Bible.

The Psalm is sung to Anglican Chant. The / marks in the text correspond to the bar lines in the music, and periods or hyphens (where necessary) indicate a change of chord. The diacritical " indicates two chords to one syllable, while ✓ signifies an extra breath within the half-verse. You are welcome to sing in unison or harmony.



They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing / fruit in . due / season, *

with leaves that do not wither; ✓
/ everything . they / do shall / prosper.

It is not / so . with the / wicked; *
they are like / chaff . which the / wind blows . a-/way.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when / judgment / comes, *
nor the / sinner . in the / council . of the / righteous;

For the Holy One knows the / way of . the / righteous, *
but the / way of . the / wicked . is / doomed.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister,
to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God
because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward
the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become
effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for
Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from
your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed
through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command
you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis

This selection is from
the **Epistle** (letter)
written by Paul from
prison to Philemon [1-
21], a Christian leader
in Colossae.

of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lough Derg Mass*

Liam Lawton

Please stand in body or spirit.

Al-le, Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le, Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu - ia!

Al-le, Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le, Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Reverend Nancy Ross

A period of silent reflection follows.

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,**

Here the evangelist Luke [14:25-33] 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.

**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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. We remember especially the Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Austin, our Bishop; Kirsten, our incoming Rector; Debie, our seminarian; and in our diocese Cathedral School for Boys, St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School,

St. Paul's Episcopal School, Trinity School, and the Ventana School. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those who are hungry, unhoused, lonely, or sick, especially Peter; Gordon; Alberto; Michele; Daniel; John; April; Jayara; Joan; Adam; all others on our Prayer List; and those we name now ... May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Among the departed we remember especially Ruth Armstrong (mother of Margalynne) and those we name now ... May light perpetual shine upon them. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect:

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

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; Ed; David; Anna; Lydia; Anna; Danielle; Roma; Malin; Kathy; Walter; Yo; Joanna; Ryan; Ted; Kathy; John; Justin; Debie; Tony and Maggie; Cecile and William; Karin; Kevin; Scott; Martin; Kalia.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

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.**

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Schaffe in mir, Gott *Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant a right spirit within
me. *Psalms 51:10*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Celebrant *People*

May God be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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 truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.

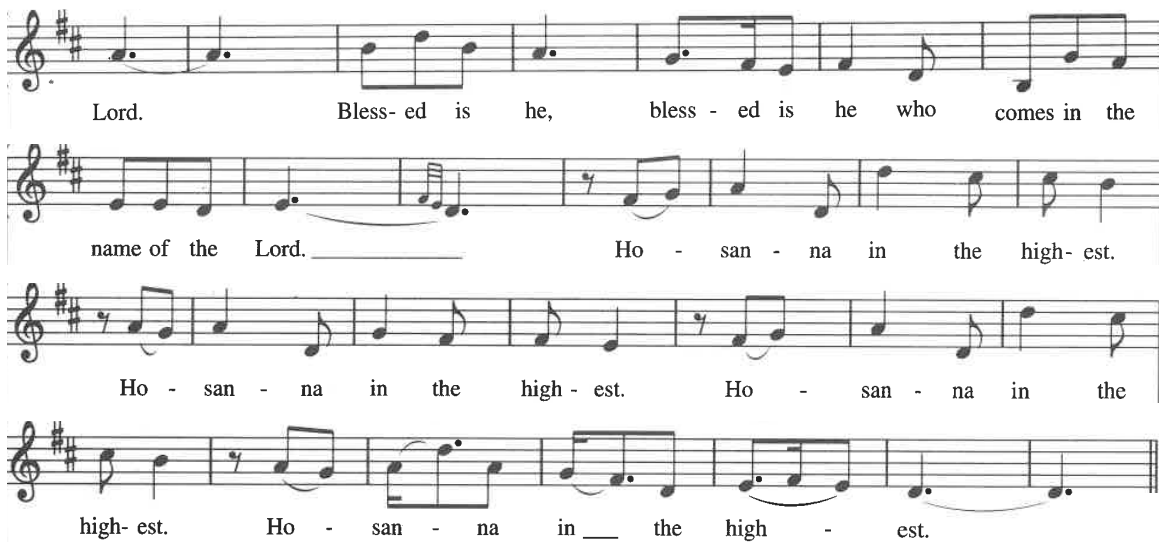
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS *Lough Derg Mass*

Liam Lawton

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - sed is he who comes in the name of the



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with Mark, Mary Magdalene, Nicholas, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 148

Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

Celebrant


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

The Gospels of both Matthew and Luke record



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For-give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,


now and for ev - er. A - men.

Jesus teaching this, commonly called the "Our Father" or the "Lord's Prayer," to his disciples when they asked to learn how to pray.

AGNUS DEI *Lough Derg Mass*

Liam Lawton

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of all the

world, have mer - cy on us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of all the

world, grant us your peace, grant us your

peace, grant us your peace, O Lord.

Introduction/Interlude

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de - signs of
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries known or
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de - spised for
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - ily with a

farth - est space; let sun and moon and stars and light and
yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile blend with air, en -
creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a dove, make
bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be touched by grace un -

what lies hid - den praise your might.
a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
known on earth your heal - ing love.
til we praise you face to face.

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.

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,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.**

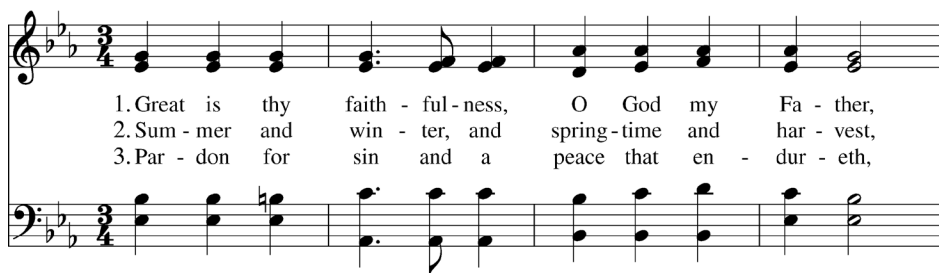
BLESSING

Please be seated.

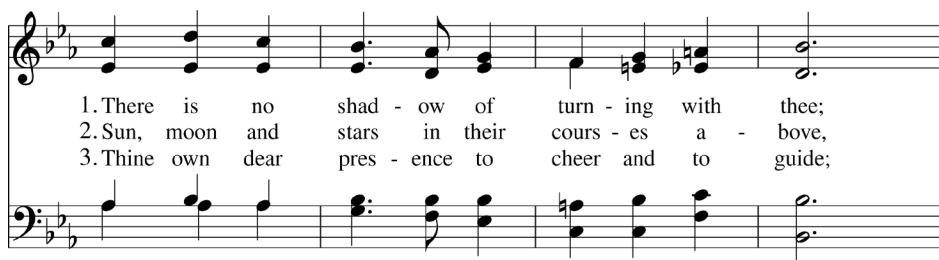
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN Great is thy faithfulness FAITHFULNESS (RUNYAN)

Please stand in body or spirit.



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The dismissal sends
 us out to do our work
 in the broader world.

POSTLUDE Rondo Festivo

Carson Cooman

SERVING AT THIS SERVICE

ALTAR GUILD: Terry Moore

FLOWER GUILD: Cheryl Miller

BREAD BAKER: Suzanne Bell

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TECH ASSISTANT: Romain Kang

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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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