



St Mark's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Seventeenth Sunday
After Pentecost
September 24, 2023, Rite 2 Year A**

Thank you for joining us in worship.
We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have
And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

We Love God

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

We Love Each Other

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

We Love Our Community

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

We Love Our Faith

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

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The season after Pentecost is referred to as “ordinary time,” because we turn now to a host of short stories intended to aid us understand how we are to live as a people formed by God’s story. For six months we will explore the implications of Good Friday and Easter and strive to live into our baptisms, to be faithful bearers of God’s good-news, the story of God’s redemptive entering into our human lives and history, and of our vocation to live so that all others well know what God has made true for them also. — John Westerhoff

Basic Liturgics

Liturgy: "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

Eucharist: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

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| (1) The Liturgy of the Word | (2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table |
| - The Gathering Rite | - The Offertory |
| - The Lessons & Sermon | - The Eucharistic Prayer |
| - The Creed | - The Lord's Prayer |
| - The Intercessions and Confession | - The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread |
| - The Peace | - Holy Communion |
| | - The Post-Communion Prayer |
| | - Blessing and Dismissal |

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:

Celebrant, Presider, Officiant: A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

Deacon: A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

Book-bearer: The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

Lector: A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

Intercessor: A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

Oblation-bearers: Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

Ushers: Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

Greeters: Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

Floral Guild: Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731

J. S. Bach

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 410 (1982 Hymnal-Blue Book)

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
3 Fa-ther-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
4 An-gels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more his prais-es sing:
praise him still the same as ev-er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen-tly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be-fore him, dwell-ers all in time and space.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise the ev-er-last-ing King.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Glo-rious in his faith-ful-ness.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Wide-ly yet his mer-cy flows.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Opening Acclamation

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

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

Collect for Purity

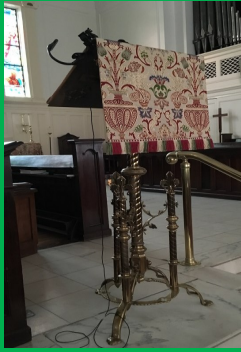
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Gloria in excelsis

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,
al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a little slower
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lectern



The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Jonah

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Mike Maruca

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

**4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.**

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

**6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.**

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians*Philippians 1:21-30*

Mickie Jones

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

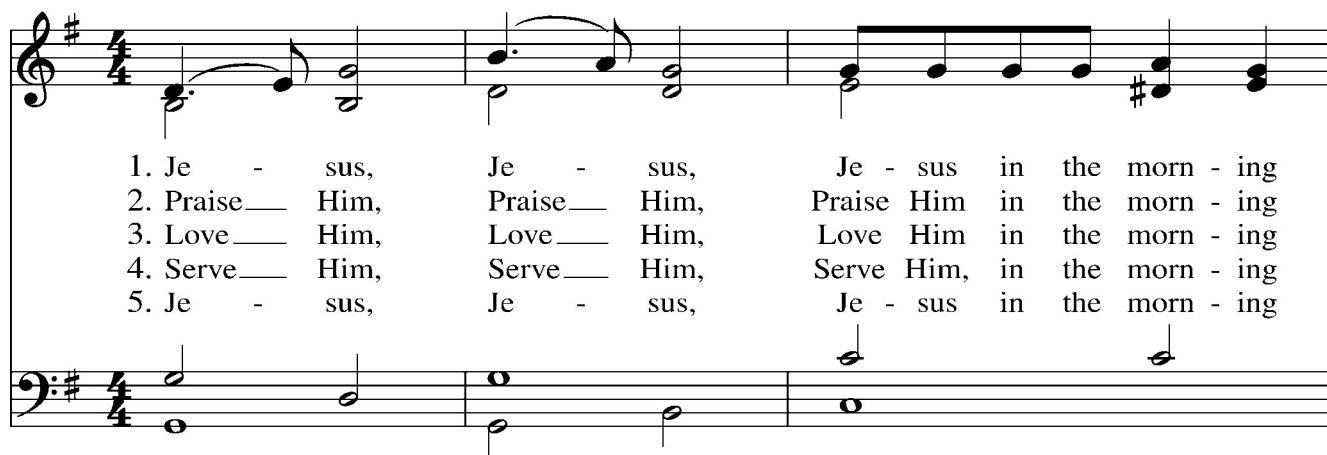
Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well--since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

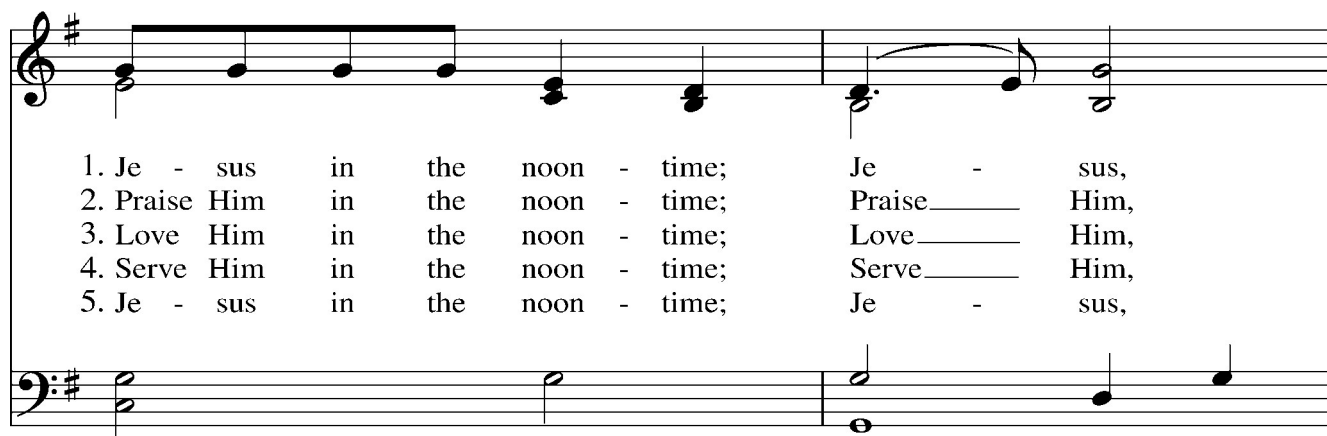
All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

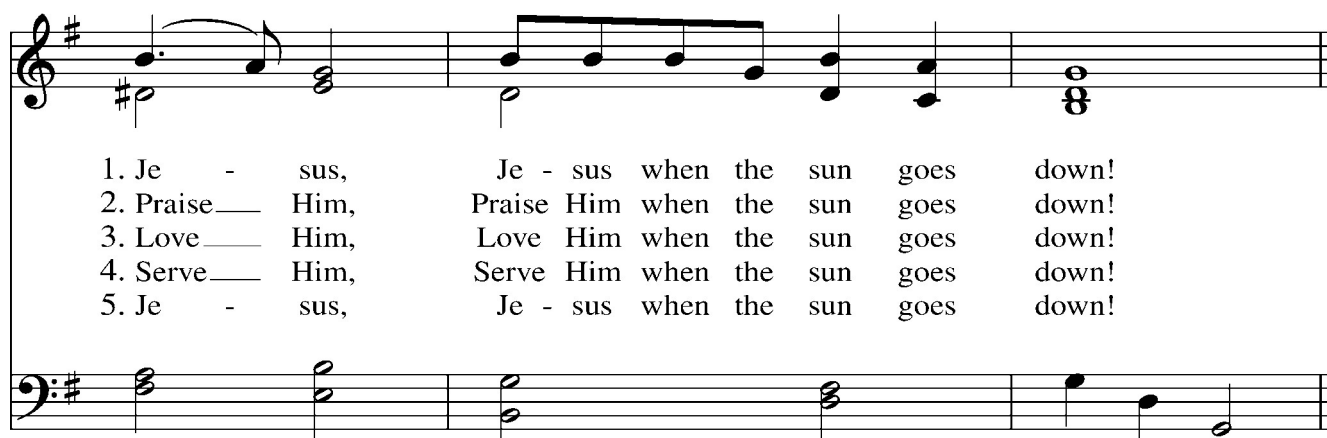
Hymn 76 (*Lift Every Voice and Sing II-Red/Black Book*) *Jesus in the Morning* *Traditional Spiritual*



1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing
2. Praise___ Him, Praise___ Him, Praise Him in the morn - ing
3. Love___ Him, Love___ Him, Love Him in the morn - ing
4. Serve___ Him, Serve___ Him, Serve Him, in the morn - ing
5. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing



1. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,
2. Praise Him in the noon - time; Praise___ Him,
3. Love Him in the noon - time; Love___ Him,
4. Serve Him in the noon - time; Serve___ Him,
5. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,



1. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!
2. Praise___ Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!
3. Love___ Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!
4. Serve___ Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!
5. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!

The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.



The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

(Please stand as you are able)

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.**

The Baptismal Font



Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Prayers of the People (from New Zealand Prayer Book Form 2)

Kent Slonaker

Intercessor: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Intercessor: We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

Intercessor: We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble, especially Phillip, Karen, Lisette, Margie and her family, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Ethel, Margaret, Phyllis, Julette, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, the Tracy family, Jane, Bianca, Shelby, the Hardison family, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Whisonant family, the Fiedler family, the Lord and Walton family, Richard, Alice, Garry, Wayne and Sue, Marsha and David, Michelle, Olivia, Stefan, Teagan and the Kuehnle family, Will, Robin, Denise, Ron and Pam, Oscar, Rod, Gloria, William, Henry, Rick, Gene, Karen, Rick, Amy, the Henderson family, Mary-Margaret, Lane, Kristy, Renee, Emily, Martha, Carolyn, Randi, Nancy, Marion, Hollis, and Donna. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

Intercessor: We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations. We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between Superintendents and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

Silence

Intercessor: We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Michael, Annabelle, and Karen, and those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

Intercessor: We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, especially Beth Tracy, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Intercessor: Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 your Son 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.**

The Absolution

Presider: 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.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(Please stand as you are able. All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)



SCAN ME TO DONATE

Offertory

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Text (Psalm 5:8 and 4:9):

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

The Communion Vessels



The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace” in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or “host”), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on any other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

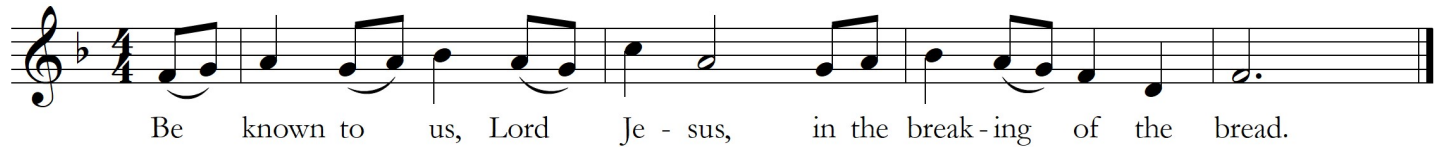
Fraction Anthem, WLP 875

"Be known to us"

James

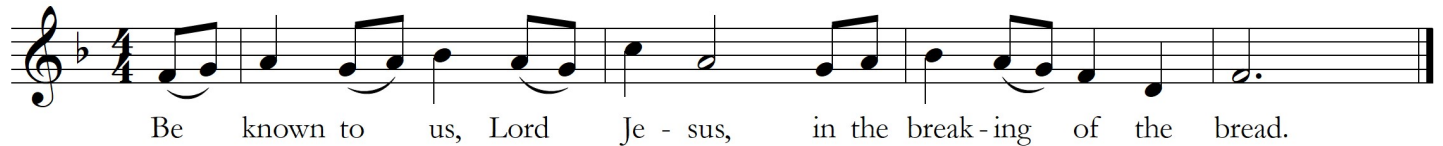
Choir: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Refrain (sung by all):



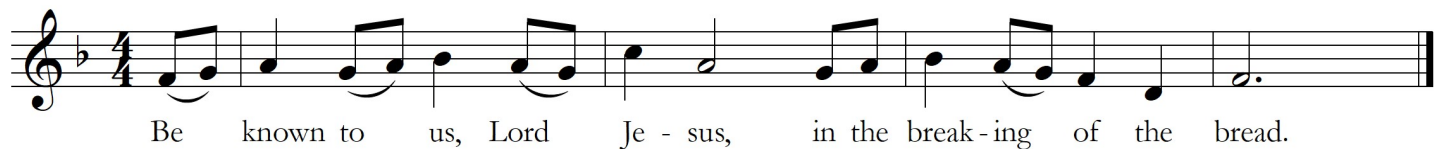
Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain (sung by all):



Choir: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Refrain (sung by all):



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

Holy Communion

Please come forward as the ushers direct you and put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer.

For a gluten free wafer please inform your serving priest.

You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice.

If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher

and the clergy will bring communion to you.

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty
hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea
Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing
Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful
cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs
Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's
vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Post Communion Prayer

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

The Blessing

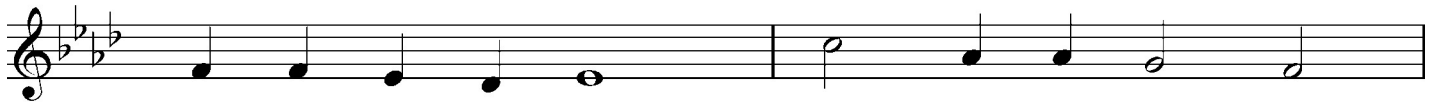
Hymn 541 (Blue Book)

Come, labor on

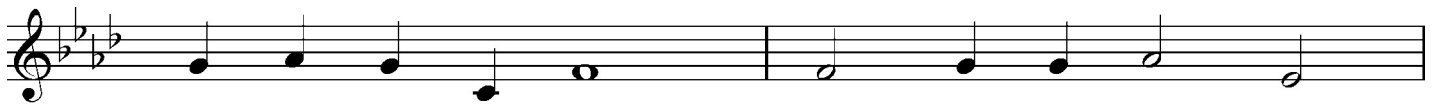
Ora Labora



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata in G (from 12 Pièces pour orgue)

Théodore Dubois

After this service, the altar flowers can be taken to anyone who would appreciate them.

The Ambry



The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Parishioners: Phillip Jones, Karen Franklin, Lisette Johnson, Margie Costas and family, Becky Lee, Robin Goodman, Carole Shahda, Mike Oliver, Steve Row, Ethel Kutteroff, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Juetta Iverson, Diane Hoover, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, Bill Piercy, and Doris Enroughty.

Our extended family and friends: the Tracy family, Jane Elbert, Bianca Constance, Shelby, the Hardison family, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Whisonant family, the Fiedler family, the Lord and Walton family, Richard Wallace, Alice, Garry Land, Wayne and Sue, Marsha and David, Michelle, Olivia, Stefan, Teagan and the Kuehnle family, Will, Robin, Denise Early, Ron and Pam Catton, Oscar Cordova, Rod Bost, Gloria Wiley, William Higgins, Henry Pegram, Rick, Gene Shelton, Karen Sokohl, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, the Henderson family, Mary-Margaret, Lane Hopkins, Kristy Rose, Renee Reid, Emily Tafel, Martha, Carolyn Campbell, Randi Smith, Nancy Strite, Marion Broome, Hollis Daniels, and Donna Raubenstine.

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Michael Rider, Annabelle Marsh, and Karen Hardison.

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Those who have died: especially Beth Tracy

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between Superintendents and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

Sacred Ground

On behalf of St Mark's you are invited to take a journey onto Sacred Ground. Sacred Ground is a curriculum of The Episcopal Church which takes a deep dive into the racial history of America with a lens of faith and humility.

Initially, the Sacred Ground curriculum was written for white Americans to do the difficult work of examining white America's historic actions and inactions which have caused racial disparity, inequity, and harm to our siblings of color.

While, it is possible for BIPOC (Black/Indigenous/People of Color) individuals to participate in Sacred Ground, however, the facilitation model is much different than when the group is all white. For this year's Sacred Ground circle we are planning to facilitate an all-white group, with the understanding that future iterations of this course may include opportunities for BIPOC individuals to participate. But to begin with, we recognize the vital need for white people to do their personal work on this subject.

There is no financial cost to this course per se, but it does require a firm commitment of attendance. A large component of this course is in establishing trust and vulnerability, which is why commitment to attendance is crucial. You will also be asked to read two books (which you may borrow or buy or request church assistance to purchase) *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *Waking up White* by Debby Irving. Both can be ordered from The Book Bar.

We are limiting this class to 10 participants (plus two facilitators- Fr. Benjamin and Shannon Heady).

The class is scheduled to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. from October 1 through June.

Please contact Shannon Heady if you would like to sign-up.

About Sacred Ground:

- Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism.
- It invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story.
- It holds as a guiding star the vision of beloved community – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another's pain and seek one another's flourishing.

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All are Welcome Here

Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the “Welcome” card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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