



**SAINT MARK'S CHURCH**  
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 | 10:00 AM**  
SUNG MASS, RITE II | Mass Setting: Gerald Near

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**WELCOME TO SAINT MARK'S!**

Whether young or old, straight or gay, female or male, homeless or housed—you are welcome here. Whatever the color of your skin or your cultural heritage—you are welcome here. Whether you have never been in church before today, or if you attend church regularly as a matter of course—you are welcome here. You are welcome here because Christ welcomes you and, therefore, so do we!

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

### Organ Voluntary

*Meditation on Ubi caritas*

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

### Parish Notices

PLEASE STAND AT THE RINGING OF THE BELL.

### The Opening Hymn

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

*The Hymnal 1982, #657*

HYFRYDOL

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

# THE WORD OF GOD


## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*



The Lord is ris - en in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

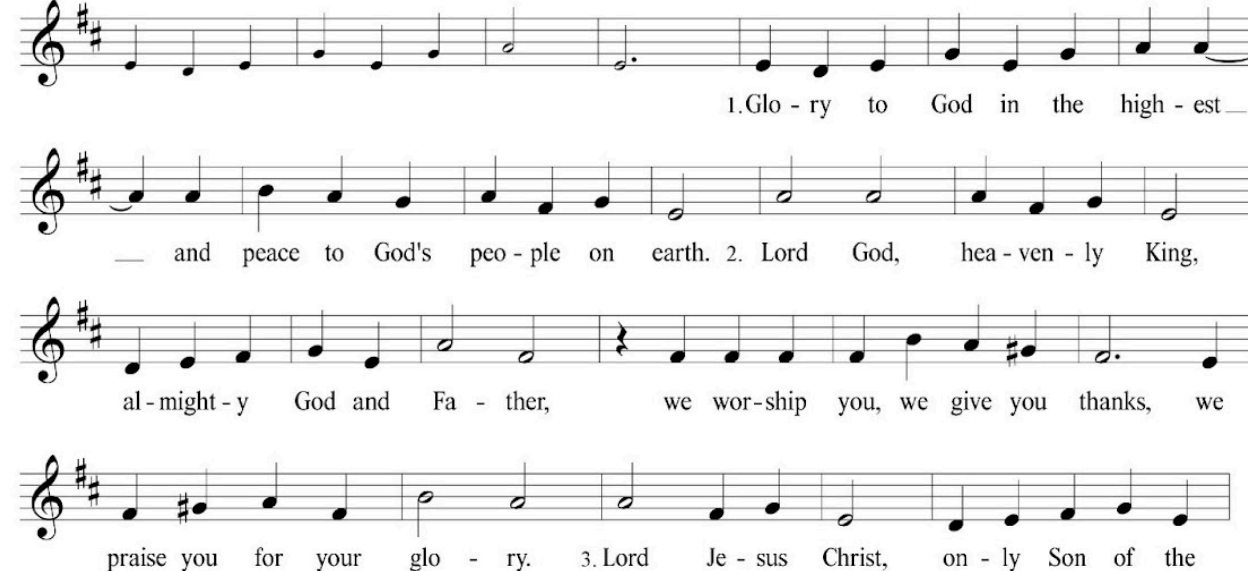
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## Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* Amen.

## Gloria in excelsis



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est —

— and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,

al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

*Acts 8:26-40*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter

(Sung by the Choir)

*Psalm 22:24-30*

Anglican Chant Setting by Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## **The Second Lesson**

*1 John 4:7-21*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

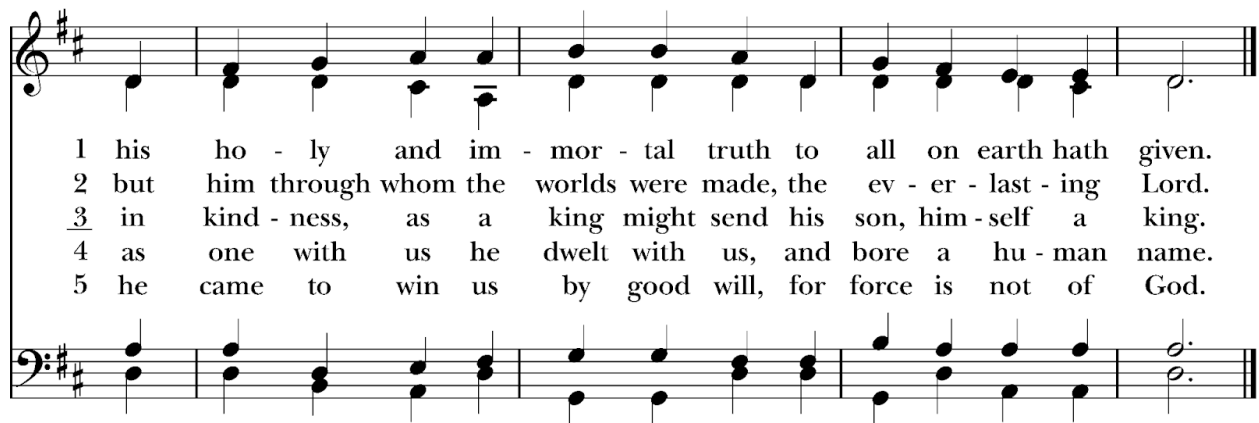
*Lector*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sequence Hymn**  
"The great Creator of the worlds"

*The Hymnal 1982, #489*  
TALLIS' ORDINAL



1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,  
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,  
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;  
4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;  
5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;



1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.  
2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.  
3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.  
4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.  
5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all  
their truest life to find,  
in love God sent his Son to save,  
not to condemn mankind.

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## The Holy Gospel

*John 15:1-8*

*Gospeler*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

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

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Gospeler*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

Father Jim Prendergast

**The Nicene Creed** (*said by all*)

**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 Prayers of the People

*Form 2, BCP pg. 385*

*Deacon* Christ hear us.  
*People* **Christ graciously hear us.**

AFTER THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN READ,  
THE CELEBRANT OFFERS A CONCLUDING COLLECT.

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Anthem at the Offertory

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams/arr. Ron Barnett

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

- from *The Temple* (1633), by George Herbert

**The Presentation Hymn**

*The Hymnal 1982, #379*

“God is Love, let heaven adore him ”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



## Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

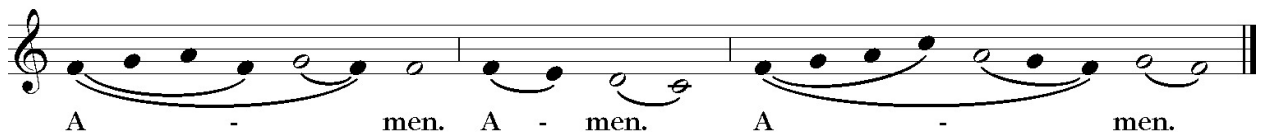
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

*All*     **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

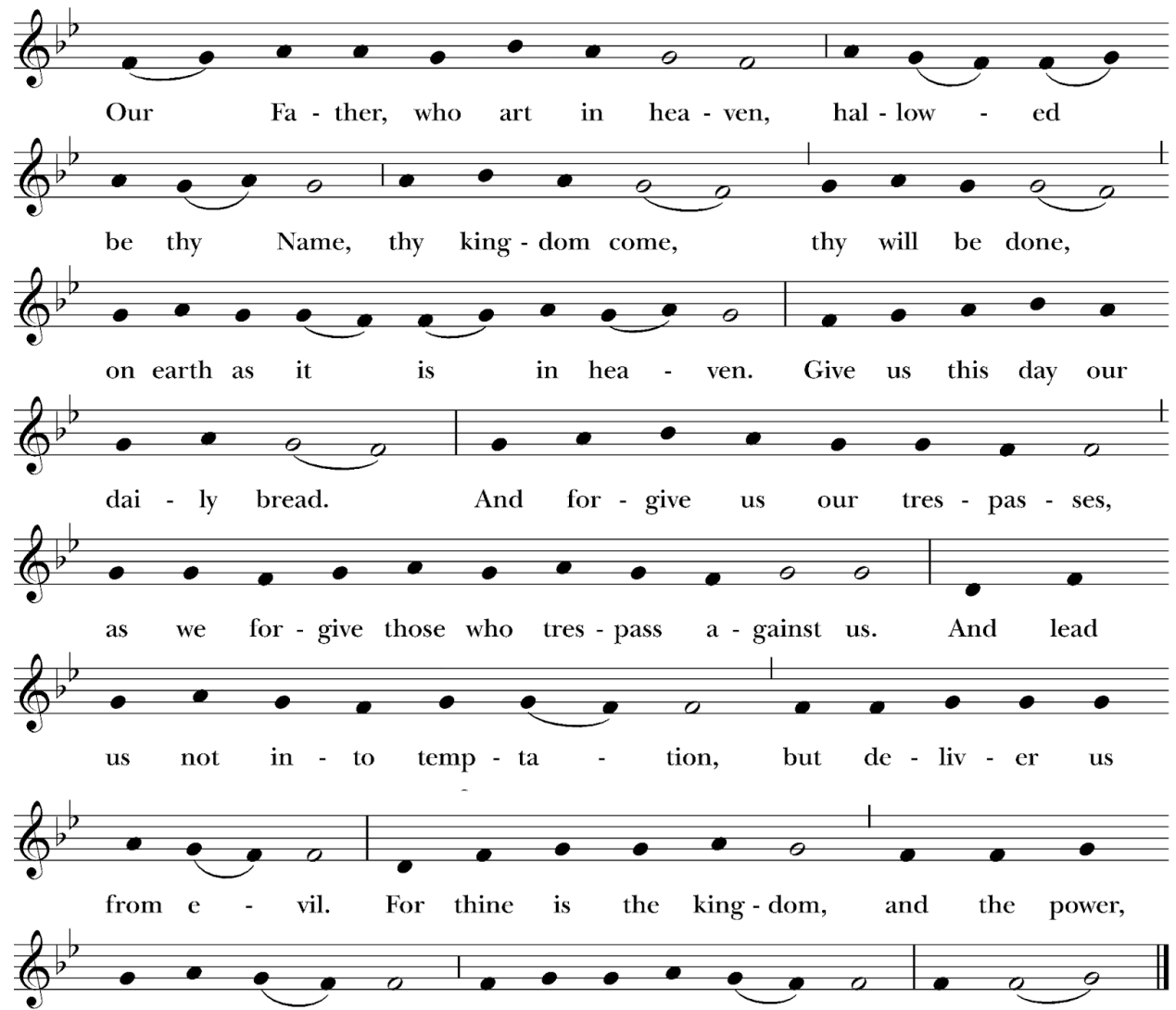
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



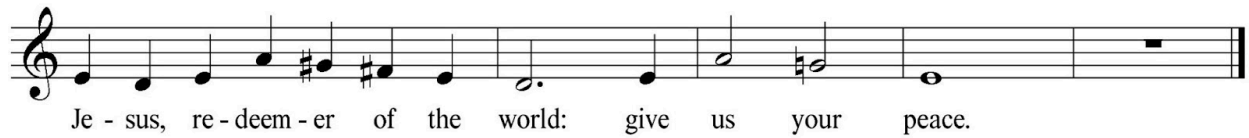
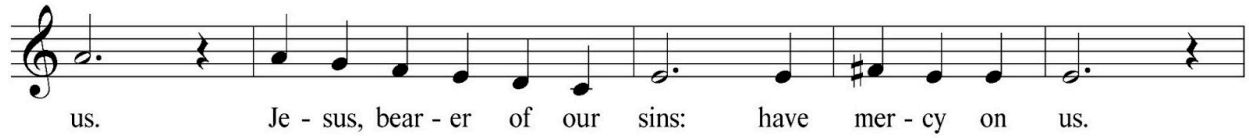
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



## Agnus Dei



## The Invitation to Holy Communion

*Celebrant* Behold what you are.

*People* **May we become what we receive.**

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING COMMUNION, PLEASE COME FORWARD  
BEGINNING WITH THE BACK PEWS.

IF YOU WISH TO COME TO THE ALTAR RAIL FOR A BLESSING BUT DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE  
THE BREAD AND/OR THE WINE, PLEASE CROSS YOUR ARMS OVER YOUR CHEST.

TO RECEIVE THE BREAD, HOLD YOUR CUPPED HANDS FORTH  
WHEN THE PRIEST APPROACHES YOU.

TO RECEIVE THE WINE, CONSUME THE BREAD AND HELP GUIDE THE CHALICE TO YOUR  
MOUTH BY GENTLY GRASPING THE BASE, OR HOLD OUT YOUR HANDS  
WITH THE BREAD TO THE CHALICER  
WHO WILL DIP THE BREAD IN THE WINE AND THEN PLACE IT ON YOUR TONGUE.

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR PEW BY THE SIDE AISLES.

**The Communion Hymn**  
“Where true charity and love dwell”

*The Hymnal 1982, #606*  
UBI CARITAS

*Antiphon*

Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him - self is there.

1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,  
2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er  
3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace

let us all re - joice and be glad now and al - ways.  
let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.  
to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,

And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,  
May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease  
our bound-less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,

so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]  
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]  
for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]

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**The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord:  
*All* **and grant in your mercy that those whom  
you have nourished with this Paschal sacrament  
may be made one in heart and mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

## The Dismissal

THE DEACON, OR THE CELEBRANT, DISMISSES THE CONGREGATION AND THE PEOPLE RESPOND "THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA"

## Regina caeli

(Sung by All)



O Queen of heav - en, be joy - ful, al - le - lu - ia,



For he whom you have hum - bly borne for us, al - le - lu - ia,



Has a - ris - en, as he prom - ised, al - le - lu - ia,



Of - fer now our prayer to God, al - le - lu - ia.

## Organ Voluntary

*Ten Hymn Preludes, Set 1: #3, "Hyfrydol"*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

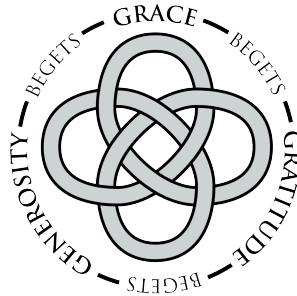
### MUSIC NOTES

Ralph Vaughan Williams was a late developer, reaching his mid-thirties before attracting serious attention as a composer. He eventually developed his own unique musical style, which was profoundly influenced by his love of Tudor music and his immensely important work in collecting English folksongs.

In 1908 Vaughan Williams studied with Ravel for a brief three months, and shortly afterwards produced a series of major works, including the song-cycle *On Wenlock Edge*, the *Fantasia on a theme by Thomas Tallis* and, in 1911, the *Sea Symphony* and the *Five Mystical Songs*, the latter a setting of poems by George Herbert (1593 – 1633). Despite his declared atheism, which in later

years mellowed into what his wife Ursula described as “a cheerful agnosticism”, Vaughan Williams was inspired throughout his life by much of the liturgy and music of the Anglican church, the language of the King James Bible, and the visionary qualities of religious verse such as Herbert’s.

**Please join us for Coffee Hour after mass in Parlour Hall!**



I am grateful today for God. —Steven

I am grateful today for God, friends, family, food, water, shelter, peace, love and Jesus Christ. —Mila Tadevosyan

We are very grateful for Michael Eller, Bob Perkins and Chey Widdop. We needed help and they came to our rescue. Thank you and we appreciate you. Words are not sufficient to express how blessed we are to have such a caring and loving church family. Gratefully yours —Aida Simonian

I am grateful today for the life the Lord has given me, and for the strength and health He has provided me. —Don

Many thanks to Ripsime Khatchikian and her mom, Rebeka, who hosted Coffee Hour last Sunday, and much gratitude to Louis Quezon who hosted the Welcome Table. —Chey Widdop

Would you like to include a gratitude statement in an upcoming e-blast? It's easy! Email Chey Widdop, Associate for Community Life at [chey@saintmarks.la](mailto:chey@saintmarks.la), or call 818-240-3860, option 2.

## **INFANTS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

### **Cry Room**

If you are bringing your infant to church, we have a cry room available if parents feel like a break during mass is needed. The Cry Room is located above the Narthex, the entrance area of the sanctuary. Please ask a greeter if you need help finding it. *To be very clear, the clergy and staff of Saint Mark's FULLY welcome little ones in mass and believe God put the wiggle in children—and we love that!*

### **Nursery**

Available to infants through non-toilet trained toddlers. The nursery (Preschool Red Room) opens at 9:45 am; parents are asked to sign their kids out of the nursery immediately following Mass. The nursery is staffed each week by one of our preschool teachers and a helper, except for the 5th Sunday of the month when we will need parent volunteers. *(To sign up, please email Deacon Susie Fowler: susie@saintmarks.la.)* Parents need to bring diapers & wipes, a comfort toy or blanket, and any bottles/snacks/water/juice that their kids might need.

### **Preschool and Kindergarten**

Available to toilet trained toddlers through children in Kindergarten. The classroom (Preschool Blue Room) opens at 9:45 am; the children will be brought to their parents in church between the Lord's Prayer and the Agnus Dei, so that families can receive communion or a blessing together. Shelley Weitzel, assisted by Kristin Poon, lovingly teach this age group each week. On the few Sundays that Shelley is not able to be present, parent volunteers will be asked to stand in for her.

### **Grades 1 through 5**

This age group will gather in the Preschool Yellow Room no earlier than 9:45 am, *with the exception of the 2nd Sunday of the month when the kids will meet in the Parish Hall for Children's Chapel & Communion (sorry, parents, but this is for the children only!)*. On Sundays when there is no Children's Chapel, the children will be brought to their parents in the church between the Peace/Offertory and the Eucharistic Prayer to receive communion or a blessing together. *Parent volunteers will be needed to teach and be present with this age group on all Sundays except the 2nd Sunday of the month. To sign up, please email Deacon Susie Fowler: susie@saintmarks.la.*

*Volunteers Kristine Eller and Kate Mulligan are the Coordinators for this age group—they work together on lesson planning, parent recruitment, and developing occasional special events for kids and their families. Thank you Kristen and Kate!*

### **Youth (Grades 6 through High School)**

Deacon Robert Sammis meets in-person with the youth of our parish on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month after the 10 o'clock Mass. Youth gather in the Youth Room (naturally!) at the top of the front office stairs. Keep an eye out for special youth gatherings printed in the bulletin and sent in the E-blast on Fridays.

**If you need help finding any of the locations mentioned above, please ask a greeter or anyone wearing a name tag.**

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

### **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

**Karola Cornelius, February 22, 2024 (former parish member)**

*Rest eternal grant to your servant, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him, may his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### **WELCOME TABLE HOST**

#### **The Dilger-Lawson Family**

Greg and Jeff chose Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in 2017 because it is a place where everybody is welcome. They were introduced to the church by their friends, John and Curtis Schwab-Sims, and their daughter, Evelyn. It wasn't long before they realized that Saint Mark's was the church for them. Key to this was how much their daughter, Mary, enjoyed the Sunday School program. Jeff, Greg and Mary wake up each Sunday and look forward to church because of the friendly people and approachable and relatable clergy. Saint Mark's is where they believe God intends them to grow through the years as a family and raise Mary to be a Christian. Greg, Jeff and Mary look forward to seeing everyone at the Welcome Table!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please email Chey Widdop, Associate for Community Life at [chey@saintmarks.la](mailto:chey@saintmarks.la), or call 818-240-3860, option 2.

- **May 2 — John Holmes**
- **May 3 — Matthew Joslin, Kenneth Lei**

## **EMAIL AND TELEPHONE SCAMS**

### **Please be aware...**

Several parish members have recently notified the church about a suspicious email that purported to be from “Rev. Canon Mark A. Weitzel”. If you receive a direct email or telephone call from a member of the clergy, and it seems suspicious (such as if it asks you to handle something discreetly, or send money or personally identifiable information, or do something quickly) please do not respond, and delete the email or hang up as soon as possible. *Be assured that Saint Mark’s clergy will never contact parish members asking for banking account information or other sensitive personal information.*

## **ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON BRAND BLVD.**

### **Through May 20, 7am - 5pm**

Glendale will begin improvements on Brand between Glenoaks and Mountain on Tuesday, April 9.

Below are two links that will give you more information. The city is adding bike lanes along the curb with planters between the bike lane and the diagonal parking spaces. They are also reconstructing corners to shorten crosswalks. The second link has a drawing to show the final plan. It also has a contact email address for more information and a place to subscribe for updates. Hope you find this helpful!

- <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/public-works/projects/current/north-brand-boulevard-demonstration-project>
- <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/4650e80aaa324ac3a7473611fc515422>

## **WORSHIP:**

### **MID-WEEK WORSHIP**

**Wednesday, May 1 at 8am**

*Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **CENTERING PRAYER**

**Mondays at 10am with Carol Sayles**

*Centering Prayer as a spiritual practice is about cultivating one's relationship with God. We do this by setting aside 20 minutes (ideally twice a day) to sit in silence and allow God to work in us. With eyes closed and seated comfortably, we let go of all thoughts and emotions during that prayer period. A sacred word of your choice assists in the process of releasing thoughts and feelings and returning to God's presence.*

Carol Sayles has been involved in Centering Prayer for many years and would like to invite anyone in the parish to join her via Zoom on Mondays at 10am. Please reach out to Carol via email at: sayles.carol@gmail.com for the Zoom link. (The session is offered through Saint Mark's in Altadena.)

### **COMPLINE and SIMPLE SUPPER**

**Thursday, May 9 at 6:30pm**

Compline and simple supper will return on May 9, Ascension Day, then the service will be on hiatus until September 5 for the start of the program year.

*The evening will begin with supper in the parish hall. Please RSVP by May 7 if you plan to join for the meal. Or, you may attend Compline only, which starts at 8pm in the choir area of the sanctuary.*



## **ADULT EDUCATION:**

### **Walk with Jesus—Three Sundays with Fr. Jim Prendergast**

Walk with Fr. Jim Prendergast as we walk with Jesus for three Sundays after Easter: April 14, 21 and 28 from 9-9:45am in the Gooden Study. The group will discuss our Lord's visits to the Upper Room and St. Thomas, the disciples encountering Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and the disciples meeting Jesus in Galilee and the Great Commission. We need to understand all that happened between the Crucifixion and the Resurrection.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**

#### **Do you know someone who needs hours?**

If so, please have them contact Chey Widdop in the church office. There are plenty of jobs around the church that are great for fulfilling community service hours!

Chey can be reached via email at: [chey@saintmarks.la](mailto:chey@saintmarks.la).

## **NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

### **Natural disasters**

It seems that natural disasters have become all too common, and the need in their aftermath is hard to wrap one's arms around. So many. Such loss. Where to begin? The most recent and prominently featured in the news are the earthquake in Morocco and the flood (made more deadly by bursting dams) in Libya. The loss of life has been staggering, as has been the displacement of persons. We continue to endorse Episcopal Relief & Development as a trustworthy avenue of support covering many concerns and needs around the world. If you go to their website, you will surely find that which weighs on your heart like no other. Please visit Episcopal Relief & Development ([www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org)) where you will find targeted efforts for Libya, Morocco, Maui and much much more.

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES:**

### **SAINT MARK'S BOOK CLUB**

#### **Next Meeting: May 15 at 7pm via Zoom**

The Saint Mark's Book Club invites you to join us in reading our next selection, *The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home*, by Denise Kiernan.

- A New York Times bestseller with an "engaging narrative and array of detail" (The Wall Street Journal), the "intimate and sweeping" (Raleigh News & Observer) untold, true story behind the Biltmore Estate—the largest, grandest private residence in North America, which has seen more than 120 years of history pass by its front door.
- The story of Biltmore spans World Wars, the Jazz Age, the Depression, and generations of the famous Vanderbilt family, and features a captivating cast of real-life characters including F. Scott Fitzgerald, Thomas Wolfe, Teddy Roosevelt, John Singer Sargent, James Whistler, Henry James, and Edith Wharton.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom. We'd love to see you there! Contact Julia Joslin at (818) 486-4961 or [juliajoslin@hotmail.com](mailto:juliajoslin@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **MUSIC IN THE GARDEN: THE LONGEST DAY CABARET**

#### **Save the Date: Friday, June 21 from 7-8:30pm**

The Sun's warmth provides the light necessary for all living beings to thrive and prosper. The summer solstice is a great day to get together with friends, family, and loved ones, and express our gratitude for these gifts and celebrate the source of life on Earth.

Come celebrate with us at The Longest Day Cabaret on Friday June 21st from 7-8:30pm! Featuring delectable drinks, delicious bites, and the Saint Mark's Band, not to mention some extra sunlight!

Would you like to volunteer to help with Music in the Garden? We need folks for set-up (4:30pm), serving, and clean-up (8:30-9pm). Contact Chey Widdop if you can help: [chey@saintmarks.la](mailto:chey@saintmarks.la).

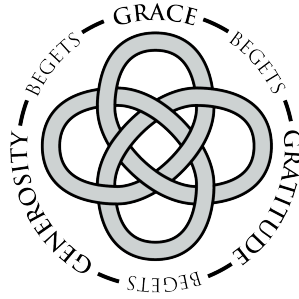
## **SAINT MARK'S COOKBOOK PROJECT**

### **Send in your recipe today...deadline is July 4!**

Do you have a special recipe that has been passed down for generations? Or perhaps a recipe that you love making for yourself and others? Or maybe something that has become your signature dish? Alma Saghi and Mason Shefa are collecting recipes for an upcoming Saint Marks cookbook. Send one or send multiple, so long as you include a short paragraph about why each recipe is meaningful to you. (The dessert category is now full.) Please send recipes to Mason shefa@mshefa@gmail.com. We are looking to fill the following categories:

- Hors d'Oeuvres
- Soups and Salads
- Vegetables & Side Dishes
- Luncheon Dishes
- Dinner Entrées
- Cocktails
- Miscellaneous

**PLEDGE PAYMENTS/DONATIONS/OFFERINGS/GIFTS:**



**We experience God's grace in our lives.  
Our response to grace is gratitude.  
In gratitude, we share God's bounty.  
In sharing God's bounty, we extend grace into other's lives.**

**Thank you to everyone for your pledge payments, donations, offerings, and gifts to Saint Mark's! Your faithful generosity makes a difference and we are extremely grateful for each of you.**

Weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual pledges/offerings/gifts may be:

- placed in the Offering Plate on Sundays
- mailed to the church office (1020 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91202)
- automatically mailed to Saint Mark's by your bank
- charged to your credit/debit card via the secure giving portal by going to [www.saintmarks.la/giving](http://www.saintmarks.la/giving)

Questions about our stewardship program or pledging? Contact Chey Widdop, Associate for Community Life, at [chey@saintmarks.la](mailto:chey@saintmarks.la), or by calling 818-240-3860, option 2.



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